KERRIGAN + BERRY



The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines have been in the making for decades. Made by Michael Kerrigan and Gavin Berry these wines represent the pinnacle of two careers spent crafting wine from some of the most respected vineyards of Western Australia.

The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines are made from the highest quality grapes selected from the finest vineyards; our interpretation of the best of Western Australia.

KERRIGAN + BERRY RIESLING 2023

The Kerrigan + Berry Riesling is made from grapes grown on the historic Langton Vineyard, Mount Baker in Western Australia's Great Southern.

2023 VINTAGE

2023 was a throwback to the 1990's. A lovely wet winter opened to a mild spring with budburst in the early varieties being up to two weeks later than recent vintages. The spring weather was fine so the late budburst and slower development was not a problem for the early and mid season varieties, but it did cross a few minds that late season varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon might be very late indeed which always carries risk of rain.

However, such concerns were mollified as the season continued into March with fine weather and mild conditions that were ideal for steady, consistent ripening. Chardonnay came off a few weeks later than usual but in perfect condition and looked potentially to be the star variety of the whites.

I believe we will see brilliant whites and mid bodied, more elegant reds from the 2023 vintage reminiscent of some of the great vintages in the 1990's.

TASTING NOTES

The KERRIGAN + BERRY Riesling is a pale straw colour with lively, steely green tinges. The nose is a perfumed blend of limes, lemons and more tropical passionfruit.

The initial impression on the palate is that of seamless structure, fine vibrant acids and lingering citrus flavours. The use of free-run juice only has given the wine "fineness", balancing the fragile varietal flavours of Riesling.

There is a complex array of flavours in the mouth, dominated by lemons, limes and grapefruit. These are supported by hints of spice and mineral on the mid-palate and green apple on the impressively long finish.

CELLARING

The refreshing lemons and limes make this wine very appealing in its first year or so. However it may take up to ten years before this fine steely structure transforms into the toasty, rich, complex wine that is an aged Riesling.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol 12.0% Variety: Riesling 100%

Growing Region: Mount Barker, Great Southern, Western Australia.



