

Hewitson Gun Metal Riesling Eden Valley Australia 2021

Selected by: MTW Tasting Panel



Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2021
GRAPE Riesling
GEOGRAPHY Not Europe
COUNTRY Australia
LARGER REGION South Australia
SMALLER REGION Barossa
SUB REGION Eden Valley

Rationale

Being a cool climate white grape, Riesling inevitably equates to low color and frequently has a green tinge (of chlorophyll) in its appearance. It picks up more golden hues as it ages or if aged in oak barrels (rare).

Rieslings are known for aroma and flavor combinations of stone, tree, and citrus fruits. In an Australia version, lime and tart green apple are signature flavors, while stone fruits are present but usually secondary. Stone fruits are more present in Rieslings from Germany, a region where the Riesling grape is more renowned. The "Petrol" flavor ("TDN" for you wine geeks) is more pronounced as a wine ages and Aussie Rieslings are among the most stellar exemplars of this Riesling-associated characteristic. Emanating from cool climates, Rieslings will almost always be lower in alcohol and body, while higher in acidity and sharpness.

Australian Riesling is one of the best values for lovers of this grape and the best can age for a solid decade or so, evolving as much as the best examples from Alsace. Eden Valley's exemplary winery, Hewitson, produces this "Gun Metal" Riesling from a single vineyard and is perennially a standout example from one of the veteran Barossa winemakers, Dean Hewitson. Citrus aromas and flavors, especially the region's trademark citrus lime predominates the flavor profile while the wine carries the evident minerality that Gun Metal is renowned for.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Star Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Medium
COLOR Straw
HIGHLIGHTS Green
BUBBLES No

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID High
ALCOHOL Medium
PHENOLS None
TEXTURE Lean / Tart
FINISH Long
COMPLEXITY Med+

Aroma & Taste

CITRUS FRUIT Lime • Tangerine • Grapefruit (W/Y) • Key Lime • Yuzu
Condition: Under Ripe / Tart, Fresh, Ripe Part: Flesh, Peel / Zest

TREE/VINE FRUIT Pear (Green) • Apple (Green) • Quince • Pear (Asian)
Condition: Fresh, Under Ripe / Tart, Ripe

STONE FRUIT Nectarine (Yellow) • Nectarine (White) • Peach (White) *Condition: Fresh, Under Ripe / Tart*

TROPICAL FRUIT Melon (Green) • Kiwi • Tamarind • Mango *Condition: Fresh, Under Ripe / Tart*

FLORAL Lemon / Lime Blossom • Apple Blossom • Honeysuckle • Gardenia *Condition: Fresh*

GREEN VEGETABLE Celery / Root • Salad Greens

OTHER VEGETABLE Ginger / Root • Radishes

HERBAL Verbena • Lemon Grass • Sorrel • Chive

OTHER SPICES Sassafras • Ginger Powder

ORGANIC EARTH Turned Dirt / Potting Soil • Dust

INORGANIC EARTH Petrol / TDN • Chalk / Limestone • Mineral / Rock • Salinity / Seashell

OAK AGING No