

RIESLING

Riesling is an under-appreciated varietal. Most of us know that. Wine enthusiasts wait, seemingly in vain, for the so-called “Riesling Revival”. Meanwhile emerging riesling regions challenge the establishment i.e. the Clare and Eden valleys. It’s an exciting time, but not enough wine drinkers are paying attention.



2015 The Vintner's Daughter Riesling This Canberra District wine is vibrant and precise, showing floral, citrus and faintly grassy notes. The acid merges seamlessly into the long, dry, satisfying palate. (\$28.00) ★★★★★ **TROPHY WINNER**

2015 Stage Door Green Room Eden Valley Riesling Very floral and limey, with a strong core of fruit supported by a talc-like texture and excellent acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★☆

2015 Robert Stein Reserve Mudgee Riesling The nose offers very enticing vibrant citrus aromas, and the palate follows through beautifully with long flavour, excellent acidity and positive textural elements. (\$50.00) ★★★★★☆

2014 Capital Wines Gundaroo Vineyard Riesling Lime and jonquil florals show on an impressive nose, and the palate offers excellent fruit drive backed by lively acidity. Another classy Canberra District riesling. (\$28.00) ★★★★★☆

2015 Keith Brien Wines Whitlands Riesling The chairman loved this wine, but some judges found its austerity challenging. However, it’s floral and bone dry, with a long palate lifted by clean acidity. (\$22.00) ★★★★★ <http://www.silverwingwines.com/current-release-wines/>

2014 Montara Grampians Gold Rush Riesling Very much a lemony/lemon pith style which is very fresh, and balanced by a hint of residual sugar. Lively acidity lifts the finish. Very enjoyable drinking. (\$23.00) ★★★★★ <https://www.montarawines.com.au/p/124/2014-montara-grampians-gold-rush-riesling>

2013 Laurel Bank Tasmania Riesling A very appealing, floral riesling with ripe flavour and a touch of sweetness absorbed by lively acidity. (\$22.00) ★★★★★ <https://www.laurelbankwines.com.au/order/>

2012 Naked Run Place In Time Sevenhill Riesling This is an attractive limey riesling which is in its evolutionary stage. Honeyed notes contribute complexity and the finish is very fresh. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2015 Colmar Estate Single Vineyard Riesling This vibrant riesling from Orange is built on a backbone of crisp acidity, and the palate offers “crunchy” Granny Smith fruit. (\$32.00) ★★★★★

2015 Z Eden Valley Riesling The citrus peel aromas are attractive, and the palate delivers plenty of honest varietal character backed by steely acidity. (\$20.00) ★★★★★ http://zwine.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Z-WINE_2014-Price-List11.pdf

2015 Koppamura Watervale Riesling A floral, delicate riesling of good length, finishing with lively acidity. (\$19.50) ★★★★★
<http://www.koppamurrawines.com.au/>

2015 Carillion Estate Riesling Pale-coloured, zingy and crisp, this riesling from Orange is dry, racy and pure. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

- 2015 Riposte The Scimitar Riesling (\$20.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Naked Run The First Riesling (\$20.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Naked Run Place In Time Sevenhill Riesling (\$35.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Chalkers Crossing Hilltops Riesling ★★★★★
- 2015 Abbey Creek Porongurup Riesling ★★★★★
- 2015 Pauletts Polish Hill River Riesling (\$22.00) ★★★★★
- 2007 Pokolbin Estate Hunter Valley Riesling (\$28.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Sapling Yard Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Lark Hill Biodynamic Riesling (\$35.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Pauletts Antonina Riesling (\$50.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Shaw Vineyard Est. Winemakers Selection Riesling (\$16.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Heaslip Wines Riesling (\$20.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Four Winds Vineyard Riesling (\$22.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Delatite Estate Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Rockcliffe Third Reef Riesling (\$28.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Capital Wines The Whip Riesling (\$19.00) ★★★★★
- 2013 Catlin Clare Valley Riesling (\$30.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Pokolbin Estate Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Robert Stein Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Yarrh Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Eden Hall Riesling (\$22.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Burge Family Winemakers Eden Valley Riesling (\$26.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Juniper Crossing Riesling (\$20.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Shaw Vineyard Estate Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Eden Hall Reserve Riesling (\$35.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Mount Majura Vineyard Riesling ★★★★★
- 2014 Catlin Clare Valley Riesling (\$30.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Gilberts Riesling (\$22.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Zarephath Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 DogRock Pyrenees Riesling (\$22.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Colmar Estate Riesling (\$26.00) ★★★★★
- 2014 Seville Estate Riesling ★★★★★
- 2014 Brangayne of Orange Riesling (\$22.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Sons of Eden Freya Riesling (\$25.00) ★★★★★
- 2015 Bundaleer Stony Place Clare Valley Riesling (\$20.00) ★★★★★
- 2013 Jirra Wines Fresco Riesling ★★★★★

Although there are a dozen or more high quality wines offering freshness and varietal flavour, there were some which showed hardness from phenolics, acidity or both. As is usually the case, several wines were prematurely developed.