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2016 WINEWISE SMALL VIGNERON AWARDS Riesling

Welcome to the strongest Small Vigneron Awards riesling class in years – maybe ever. Four states contested the top spot in the final rounds of tasting, but Tasmania confirmed once again that it belongs on the high ground of Australian riesling.



2016 Freycinet Riesling This riesling is purity itself. The delicate floral nose belies the power and length of the very fine, beautifully balanced palate that finishes with typical Tasmanian acidity. Cellaring will not be a problem. (Not yet released. The 2015 is \$27.00) ★★★★★

2016 Mandoon Estate Reserve Riesling A perfumed riesling showing appealing citrus aromatics and flavour. There's also an intriguing hint of spice, and the palate has a talc-like textural quality. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<http://mandoonestate.com.au/>

2016 Naked Run The First Clare Valley Riesling A delicate reserved riesling with jasmine and lime blossom perfume. The palate offers impressive linearity of flavour and acidity. Give it a little time to grow. (\$19.95) ★★★★★
<http://www.randalls.net.au/store/naked-first-riesling-2016-p-26469.html>

2016 Robert Stein Mudgee Riesling Here's a riesling that's full of life, freshness and flavour. It's already delivering much of what it has to offer, and will provide very enjoyable drinking over the next couple of years. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<http://www.robertstein.com.au/products/2016-Riesling.html>

2015 Carillion Estate Grown Orange Riesling The perfumed citrus aromatics are attractive, and the tight palate offers excellent weight of fruit backed up by lively acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<https://tallaveragrove.com.au/product/2015-carillion-riesling/>

2012 Place In Time Sevenhill Riesling It shows some maturity, but not too much, making this riesling delicious drinking right now. With the four years bottle age comes some palate texture to back up the richness of varietal flavour. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

2016 Zarephath Porongurup Riesling A touch of reduction on the nose cost this wine a gold medal. Apart from that, it's very restrained and delicately floral, but has that linear quality and acidity that makes riesling great. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

2016 Four Winds Vineyard Canberra District Riesling Quite perfumed, showing lemon curd and jasmine. The palate is initially rich and faintly sweet, backed up by clean-cut acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2015 Bream Creek Tasmania Riesling Very perfumed, with "gewürz" florals. It's a round, textural, silky riesling which seems influenced by a touch of botrytis. (\$26.00) ★★★★★

2016 Robert Stein Reserve Riesling (\$50.00) ★★★★★

2016 Colmar Estate Block 6 Riesling (\$32.00) ★★★★★

2016 Mount Majura Vineyard Riesling (\$29.00) ★★★

2016 Lark Hill Biodynamic Wines Riesling (\$35.00) ★★★

2016 Colmar Estate Riesling (\$28.00) ★★★

2016 Eden Hall Reserve Riesling (\$35.00) ★★★

2012 Sons of Eden Freya Eden Valley Riesling (\$30.00) ★★★

2016 Yarrh Riesling (\$25.00) ★★☆

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2016 Riposte The Scimitar Riesling (\$20.00) ★★☆

2016 Koppamurra Wines Riesling (\$19.50) ★★☆

2015 Slow Wine Co Riesling (\$24.00) ★★☆

2014 Pokolbin Estate Riesling (\$25.00) ★★☆

2016 Eden Hall Riesling (\$22.00) ★★☆

2016 Stage Door The Green Room Riesling (\$25.00) ★★☆

2016 Dogrock Degraes Road Riesling (\$25.00) ★★☆

2016 Sapling Yard The Iron Bark Riesling (\$25.00) ★★

2016 Z Wines Saul Eden Valley Riesling (\$25.00) ★★

2016 The Vintner's Daughter Riesling (\$30.00) ★★

2015 Capital Wines Gundaroo Vineyard Riesling (\$28.00) ★★

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