

2016 Riesling

Here's a snapshot of the 2016 riesling vintage around Australia. It's a glowing report card from west coast to east, making it a vintage that riesling fans simply must have. All the higher raters offer delicious drinking right now, but will deliver their best from about three years' time.



2016 Wines by KT Peglidis Vineyard Watervale Riesling Sometimes we encounter a wine that is truly out of the ordinary. This one from Kerri Thompson is certainly one of those. The aromas suggest lime, subtle lavender and clementine. A talc-like texture is a major feature of the long, dry, acid-fresh palate. Marvellous stuff. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
<https://edcellars.com/wines-by-kt-peglidis-riesling.html>

2016 Gaelic Cemetery Vineyard Clare Valley Riesling A magnificent example of the perfumed lime character of the Clare Valley. The palate is very long, and features seamless acidity. A beautiful wine. (Not yet released) ★★★★★
<http://www.gaelic-cemeterywines.com/distributors.html>

2016 Grosset Springvale Clare Valley Riesling It's still a little closed on the nose, but the power is undeniable, as is the presence of the classic Clare Valley lime. This wine runs deep and finishes with lively acidity. (\$38.00) ★★★★★☆
<http://www.winestar.com.au/grosset-springvale-watervale-riesling-2016>

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2016 Grosset Polish Hill Clare Valley Riesling Slightly fuller on the nose than the Springvale, showing lime aromas heading to stone fruit. It finishes long, with balance and power. Polish Hill or Springvale? It's a style thing really. (\$52.00) ★★★★★

<http://www.winestar.com.au/grosset-polish-hill-riesling-2016>

2016 Peter Lehmann Portrait Eden Valley Riesling Once again Peter Lehmann Wines turn out a classic perfumed Eden Valley riesling with great fruit and acid cut. A bargain. (\$18.00) ★★★★★

<http://peterlehmannwines.com/buy/portrait/eden-valley-riesling.html>

2016 Galafrey Mount Barker Reserve Riesling An uncompromising, richly flavoured dry riesling that leans to Alsace in style terms. This is a distinctive wine of high quality. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

<http://www.galafreywines.com.au/product/Dry-Grown-Reserve-Riesling?pageID=C3A9CDBA-0F2C-6827-B50C-6E4274E04A81&sortBy=DisplayOrder&maxRows=10&>

2016 Tim Adams Clare Valley Riesling It's very fresh and the essence of restraint. This wine needs time to build in bottle, but right now the austerity has its own appeal. The palate is dry, long, reserved and racy – classic Tim Adams. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.timadamswines.com.au/buy-wines/>

2016 Cooks Lot Allotment 333 Riesling This was the top white wine at the National Cool Climate Wine Show, and is an eloquent expression of variety and the Orange region. It's delicate but intense, showing lime-lemon characteristics, backed up by lingering acidity. (\$22.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.wineboss.com.au/Order.aspx?ref=9a5&wsrsrc=9a5>

2016 Pewsey Vale Eden Valley Riesling Fresh, intense and floral, with excellent fruit weight backed up by refreshing acidity. A worthy addition to a famous line. (\$17.00) ★★★★★

https://www.danmurphys.com.au/product/DM_43615/pewsey-vale-eden-valley-riesling

2016 Jaeschkes Hill River Clare Estate Riesling This under-rated and under-valued wine does it again – marvellously limey, mouthfilling and crisply acidic. In other words – delicious. How could you not buy it at the price? (\$130.00 per dozen) ★★★★★

<https://www.hillriverclareestate.com.au/our-wine/>

2016 Pikes The Merle Clare Valley Riesling Quite a subdued riesling that needs some time to assert itself. The limey perfume is yet to burst into full bloom, but the palate is long, tight and intense. (\$45.00) ★★★★★

<http://www.pikeswines.com.au/>

2016 Josef Chromy Tasmania Riesling Impressively delicate and tight – almost Mosel-Saar-Ruwer. A floral, dry riesling with the classic Tasmanian acidity. Needs time. (\$28.00) ★★★★★☆

2016 Cherubino Porongurup Riesling Reserved and limey, tight and long, with excellent palate weight and a racy finish. It will develop well over the next few years. (\$39.50) ★★★★★

2016 Carillon Estate Grown Orange Riesling A very clean riesling with citrus aromas and flavours together with a touch of residual sugar. The palate is greatly enlivened by seamlessly integrated acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2016 Colmar Estate Block 6 Riesling This is a restrained, limey style with a hint of passionfruit. The intensity is impressive, as are the freshness, length and acidity. From Orange, NSW. (\$32.00) ★★★★★

2016 Gapsted Valley Selection Riesling The floral-lime aromas of this Alpine Valleys (Vic.) wine are vibrant, and the palate is pure and dry. A well made riesling that is a good drink for the price. (\$18.00) ★★★★★

2016 Clonakilla Riesling The pronounced lemony aroma is typical of the Canberra district from which it comes, and the palate delivers good length and volume of flavour with no shortage of regional acidity. Give it a year or two to settle down. (\$32.00) ★★★★★

2016 Grosset Alea Clare Valley Riesling The lime blossom perfume is very attractive, and the satisfying palate features low-level residual sugar and good fruit intensity backed up by fresh acidity. (\$34.00) ★★★★★

2016 Colmar Estate Riesling A perfumed citrus style with faintly herbal notes. It's full flavoured, with plenty of acid support. (\$28.00) ★★★★★

2016 Wirra Wirra The Lost Watch Adelaide Hills Riesling This is a floral, restrained riesling the makes a good initial impression but tends to taper off on the finish. (\$21.60) ★★★★★☆

2016 Singlefile Mount Barker Riesling Quite lemony, with quite a rich palate. The acid does its job. Probably best consumed in the next couple of years. (\$30.00) ★★★★★☆

2016 Cherubino Great Southern Riesling (40% Porongurups, 40% Frankland River, 20% Mount Barker) The nose is attractively limey, with hints of apple and tropical fruit. This wine is packed with flavour making this wine enjoyable now. (\$35.00) ★★★★★☆

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2016 Ferngrove Cossack Riesling This wine from Frankland River, WA shows a hint of gooseberry aroma, and makes a strong initial impact but fades slightly on the finish. (\$23.00) ★★☆☆

2016 Ravensworth Riesling (Canberra & Tumbarumba) Lemony, to the point of lemon pith, with some background spicy complexity. It finishes with plenty of acidity and needs time in bottle. (\$25.00) ★★★

2016 The Wilson Vineyard Polish Hill River Riesling It's certainly varietal, but seems comparatively forward, delivering plenty of flavour now. (\$28.00) ★★☆☆

2016 St Hallett Eden Valley Riesling Rich and lemony, with a whiff of cumquat. It has good acidity, but finishes slightly short. (\$18.00) ★★☆☆

2016 Singlefile Great Southern Riesling Citrus and floral aromas come to the fore here, and the palate offers good weight balanced by lemony acidity. Drinking well. (\$25.00) ★★★

2016 Four Winds Vineyard Canberra Riesling Quite lemony, with no shortage of flavour. Beginning to show its best. (\$25.00) ★★★

2016 The Yard (Larry Cherubino) Frankland River Riesling A little forward, lacking high-toned aromatics. Richly flavoured, but a little short. (\$25.00) ★★★

2016 Delatite Vivienne's Block Reserve Riesling The nose doesn't show a great deal in terms of aromatics, but the palate offers lime and apple flavours backed by lively acidity. (\$39.00) ★★★

2016 Moppity Vineyards Estate Riesling A wine with good limey fruit and linearity of acid, but it's not expressive enough (aromatically) in this company. (\$32.00) ★★★

2016 Wallflower Ad Hoc (Larry Cherubino) Great Southern Riesling The nose is subdued and the palate is fairly sweet, offering lemon-lime flavour. Drink now. (\$21.00) ★★☆☆

It won't be difficult for anybody to find good rieslings from 2016, but it seems that the Clare Valley has excelled.

Note:

The **2016 Leo Buring DWT18 Leonay Watervale Riesling** & **2016 Freycinet Tasmania Riesling**, both of which received ★★★★★ ratings from us earlier, were tasted against the top two wines here and held their own.

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