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Pre-2017 RIESLING

The cream of riesling begins to blossom at 3-5 years of age, and supreme examples can continue to deliver drinking pleasure for decades. Bottle age allows the superior regions to come into their own, so it's no surprise to see wines from Eden Valley and Clare dominating the top ten.

Medallion Winner 2015 Peter Lehmann Wigan Riesling The chalky minerality of Eden Valley is beautifully expressed together with the classic floral notes. A pure expression of variety and region with power, length and fineness. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2015 Jacob's Creek Steingarten Riesling Another glorious Eden Valley riesling which is tight and linear, offering hints of lime blossom aroma and great cellaring potential. (\$30.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.jimmurphy.com.au/product/steingarten-riesling-2015>

Medallion Winner 2016 Cherubino Porongurup Riesling Very perfumed – even Germanic in aromatic terms. The intense, persistent flavour is backed up by linear acidity. (\$33.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.winesquare.com.au/2016-lary-cherubino-riesling-porongurup.html>

2016 Kilikanoon Mort's Block Clare Valley Riesling A fresh, intense lime/lemon style with a lively, long palate of good fruit weight. It's beginning to drink very well indeed. (\$22.90) ★★★★★
<https://www.auscellardoor.com.au/kilikanoon-morts-block-riesling.html>

2016 Jim Barry The Florita Clare Valley Riesling Lively, backward and limey. Very long-flavoured, with uplifting acidity. Definitely a cellaring proposition. (\$45.00) ★★★★★
https://www.danmurphys.com.au/product/DM_676222/jim-barry-the-florita-riesling-2016

2011 Kilikanoon Mort's Reserve Riesling Here's a great example of honey-toast maturity backed up by impressive freshness. It's richly flavoured and full of life. Delightful. (\$45.00) ★★★★★
<https://kilikanoon.com.au/products/2011-morts-reserve-watervale-riesling-aged-release>

2003 Freycinet Riesling Floral, somewhat in the manner of a Rheingau riesling, and has a faintly green edge. It's amazingly youthful, with a steely line of acid. It may have reached its peak, but we wouldn't bet on it. ★★★★★

2009 Wolf Blass White Label Eden Valley Riesling Mature yet very fresh, with attractive chalkiness. A delicious riesling that still has time left. ★★★★★

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2015 Wolf Blass White Label Eden Valley Riesling Shows attractive regional florals. It's slightly forward in nature but has good fruit and acidity. Drinks well now. ★★★★★

2012 Pewsey Vale Vineyard The Contours Eden Valley Riesling Fresh, complex, toasty, mature. At a delicious peak. ★★★★★

2016 Tamar Ridge Tasmania Riesling Quite complex, with a hint citrus peel that suggests a botrytis influence. There's plenty of varietal flavour to be enjoyed, backed up by lively acidity and a mere suggestion of sweetness. ★★★★★

2014 Naked Run Place In Time Sevenhill Riesling Rich and lemony, showing some development. The palate offers good depth of flavour backed up by freshening acidity. ★★★★★

2013 Penfolds Aged Release Eden Valley Riesling Nicely mature, yet still quite lively on the palate. Good drinking. ★★★★★

2010 Forbes Wine Co Eden Valley Riesling Richly honeyed and toasty, but still offers intense varietal flavour and acid freshness. It has reached its peak. ★★★★★

2016 Robert Stein Riesling Comparatively forward, but delivers considerable depth varietal flavour supported by sufficient acidity. Short term. ★★★★★

2016 Wolf Blass Gold Label Riesling Somewhat forward colour and nose. Floral and varietal, but already in its drinking window. ★★★★★

2015 Jaeschkes Hill River Clare Estate Riesling Rich but forward, showing faint kerosene overtones. There's plenty of varietal flavour to enjoy now. ★★★★★

2015 Gilbert + Gilbert Single Vineyard Riesling Probably at its peak, but offers good weight and acidity. ★★★★★

2013 Jaeschkes Hill River Clare Estate Riesling Shows honeyed characteristics and is fully developed. Drink now. ★★★★★

2009 Robert Stein Riesling Fairly sweet and may be slightly past its best, but there's rich mature flavour to enjoy. ★★★

2009 Forbes Wine Company Eden Valley Riesling Holding on. Still offers fruit richness, but is showing signs of drying out. ★★★

2005 Sons of Eden Freya Cellar Release Eden Valley Riesling Complex and varietal, but shows signs of tiredness. ★★★

This group of 22 older rieslings (2016 & older) was particularly strong, with 68% rating silver or gold medals.

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