

Sparkling Wine and Riesling

Here are three excellent bubbly, including the Small Vigneron Award-winning Colmar Estate. For completeness, there are also some more 2019 rieslings that didn't quite make it in time for last week's major tasting.



2015 Colmar Estate Chardonnay Pinot Noir This wine from Orange combines freshness with subtle complex nutty notes of yeast autolysis. The palate is creamy and impressively long. (\$60.00) ★★★★★
<https://shop.colmarestate.com.au/collections/frontpage/products/2015-colmar-estate-chardonnay-pinot-noir>

2015 Chandon Whitlands Plateau Vintage Blanc de Blancs The apple aromas of chardonnay are enhanced by brioche complexity. The long, delicate palate features a very fine mousse and cleansing acidity. Text book B de B. (\$42.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.chandon.com.au/>

2015 Chandon Vintage Blanc de Noirs This is a remarkably restrained and fine blanc de noirs. The muskiness of pinot noir combines harmoniously with a slight breadiness, and the finish is impressively long and fresh. (\$59.00) ★★★★★

And a few more 2019 rieslings

2019 Vickery Eden Valley Riesling This is a vibrant riesling offering the classic regional florals. The long flavour is backed up by cleansing acidity. It's very enjoyable now and will drink well for at least a couple of years. (\$23.00) ★★★★★☆

2019 Vickery Watervale Riesling What the Eden Valley does with floral, this one does with lime. It's a dyed in the wool Clare that is packed with flavour. Lively acidity lifts the finish. (\$23.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://vickerywines.com.au/purchase/>

2019 Robert Oatley Signature Series Great Southern Riesling Fresh, delicate and floral. The lively, satisfying palate is based on a backbone of acidity. A pure, dry riesling. (\$19.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.winestar.com.au/robert-oatley-signature-series-great-southern-ries~43900351>

2019 Fowles Wines Stone Dwellers Riesling The fresh, restrained lime blossom aromas carry a slight yeastiness. The palate is succulent, racy and long. (\$25.00) ★★★★★

2019 Xabregas Estate Great Southern Riesling Fresh and limey, although faintly grassy and green. There's plenty of flavour supported by lively acidity. (\$22.95) ★★★★★☆

2019 Ferngrove Cossack Riesling The "Germanic" florals are appealing, but this wine is too forward. Drink now. (\$25.00) ★★★

2019 Highland Heritage Mt Canobolas Riesling Quite floral but slightly green on both nose and palate. A touch of sweetness doesn't cover the thinness. (\$23.00) ★★☆☆

OUR RATING SCALE

★★★★★	Outstanding	97-100 pts	Gold medal
★★★★☆	Highly Recommended	93-96	Gold/silver
★★★★	Recommended	90-92	Silver
★★★☆☆	Recommended	87-89	Bronze
★★★	Agreeable	85-87	Bronze
★★☆☆	Agreeable	82-84	
★★	Acceptable	80-82	
★☆☆	Acceptable	77-79	
★	Barely Acceptable	74-76	
☆	Unacceptable	71-73	
No stars	Undrinkable	<71	

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