

Riesling

Global warming may be a major threat, but Australian riesling has never been better. The long-established regions such as the Clare and Eden Valleys are still go-to places for riesling, but this tasting shows that there are numerous other options. The Championship “belonged” to winemaker Jacob Stein who has worked wonders with riesling in the New South Wales region of Mudgee.



Medallion Winner 2016 Robert Stein Mudgee Riesling

The freshness of this wine speaks volumes for the precision of the winemaking. Hints of jasmine and citrus highlight a pure varietal nose, and the long palate is packed with flavour balanced by racy acidity. (Not available) ★★★★★

<https://www.robertstein.com.au/>



Medallion Winner 2020 Best's Great Western Riesling

A vibrant young varietal wine in which the exotic floral nose evokes thoughts of the Rheinhessen or Nahe. This is an intense, dry, racy riesling of the highest quality. Value!! (\$25.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.bestswines.com/product/2020-Riesling>

2009 Robert Stein Mudgee Riesling The lively citrus nose belies the twelve years' age of this Mudgee gem. Here's a mature riesling that's full of flavour and life, drinking at a peak it should hold for at least a couple of years. Stunning. (Not available) ★★★★★

2019 Robert Stein Mudgee Dry Riesling Three out of the top four for this Mudgee producer. You bet! This one is crisp and limey, lip-smacking and mouth-watering. Classic Australian riesling. (Not available) ★★★★★

2019 Highland Heritage Mt Canobolas Orange Dry Riesling A floral, limey style with plenty of flavour. The palate is beautifully balanced. Delicious drinking. (\$28.00) ★★★★★
<https://daquinoliquor.com.au/product/wine/local-wines/highland-heritage/highland-heritage-mt-canobolas-dry-riesling-2019>

2020 Pewsey Vale Eden Valley Riesling Richly limey/floral, intense and lively. This wine is readily available nation-wide, and proudly waves the flag for a classic riesling region. (\$18.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.nicks.com.au/2020-pewsey-vale-eden-valley-riesling>

2020 Pike and Joyce Ceder Adelaide Hills Riesling A powerful, long-flavoured riesling with uplifting acidity. The citrus aromas and flavours are strongly varietal. (Not available) ★★★★★

2020 Kirrihill E.B.'s The Settler Clare Valley Riesling This is a very fresh, but reserved, riesling with a delightful long dry palate. The lime of Clare is emerging, about to blossom. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2019 Robert Stein Half Dry Mudgee Riesling A rich, fresh, lime-scented riesling with just a hint of residual sugar. The balance is precise and the palate utterly satisfying. (Not available) ★★★★★

2017 Reillys Museum Release Watervale Riesling The nose is slightly honeyed, but intense and varietal, as is the palate which is full of life. (Not available) ★★★★★

2020 Orlando Steingarten Eden Valley Riesling A ripe intense citrus style that tastes bone dry, but it has exceptional fruit and lingering acidity. A classic cellaring style. (Not yet released) ★★★★★

2019 Colmar Estate Block 5 Orange Riesling A powerful, fresh, limey riesling with good balance and a dry, clean acid finish. It's drinking very well. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
<https://colmarestate.com.au/products/2019-block-5-riesling>

2018 Coolangatta Estate Winsome Shoalhaven Riesling The nose shows a little maturity, but is still fresh. The dry palate features good fruit and acidity. Enjoy in the short term. (Not available) ★★★★★

2016 Reillys Museum Release Watervale Riesling The nose is richly honeyed, showing development, but it's varietal and lively. There's plenty of flavour to enjoy. (Not available) ★★★★★

2015 Pewsey Vale The Contours Eden Valley Riesling The intense, mature lime aromas and flavours are very fresh and appealing. An excellent drink now. (\$33.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.winestar.com.au/pewsey-vale-the-contours-museum-reserve-riesling-2>

2020 Kirrihill Regional Selection Clare Valley Riesling There's no shortage of limey aroma and flavour in this substantial, vibrant riesling. (\$19.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.kirrihillwines.com.au/shop/regional-selection-clare-valley-riesling/#:~:text=The%202020%20regional%20Selection%20Riesling,fo r%20drinking%20in%20it's%20youth.>

2019 Alkoomi Black Label Frankland River Riesling A fresh, floral riesling that is long, dry and delicate. (\$24.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.wineseek.com.au/products/4249-alkoomi-black-label-frankland-river-riesling-2019/>

2020 Pikes Olga Emmie Clare Valley Riesling A restrained limey style with a slight sweetness. Satisfying fruit is well supported by acidity. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.pikeswines.com.au/wine/2020-olga-emmie-riesling>

2017 Jaeschkes Hill River Clare Estate Riesling This richly flavoured limey riesling is drinking very well now. (\$25.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.hillriverclareestate.com.au/our-wines/2017-riesling>

2009 Stone Bridge Riesling Deep gold colour. A toasty, fully mature riesling that's drinking well. (\$45.00) ★★★★★
https://www.stonebridgewines.com.au/pdf/stone_bridge_wines_order_form.pdf

2008 Robert Stein Mudgee Riesling Mature but lemony, with a hint of orange peel. The palate is intense, lifted by acidity. This wine is in good order and condition. (Not available) ★★★★★

2005 Grampians Estate Garden Gully Riesling Very toasty and well and truly at its peak. Still, there's plenty of flavour to enjoy. (Not available) ★★★★★

2019 Colmar Estate Block 6 Orange Riesling A full flavoured varietal white with just a hint of reduction. Good drinking. (\$35.00) ★★★★★
<https://colmarestate.com.au/products/2019-block-6-riesling>

2019 Jaeschkes Hill River Clare Estate Riesling Comparatively deep colour. Full flavoured and forward. Drinking now. ★★★★★☆

2019 Leura Park Estate Riesling A full, ripe citrus/stone fruit style that is slightly too forward. ★★★★★☆

2018 Reillys Watervale Riesling Quite forward. Rich and varietal, but tending to dry out on the finish. ★★★☆

2014 Rhythm Stick Wines Red Robin Clare Valley Riesling Very developed colour. A pleasantly mature style. Drink now. ★★★☆

2013 McGuigan Shortlist Riesling Touch of kerosene aroma. Still has fruit, and offers enjoyable aged drinking. ★★★☆

2018 Jaeschkes Hill River Clare Estate Riesling Fully developed colour and nose. Tropical overtones. Rich drinking now. ★★★

2020 Alkoomi White Label Frankland River Riesling A reserved, closed-up riesling that needs time to evolve. ★★★

2019 Pepper Tree Limited Release Orange Riesling Shows ripe fruit and toastiness. There's also a suggestion of volatile acidity. ★★★

2020 Peter Lehmann Wigan Eden Valley Riesling Shows reduction on the nose, but there's plenty of flavour for future development. ★★★

2020 Clare Wine Co Watervale Riesling Developed. Slightly dull. ★★★

2020 Byron & Harold The Partners Riesling Colour and nose too developed. Quite dry on the finish. ★★★

2019 Reillys Watervale Riesling Shows quite a bit of toasty development for its age. ★★★

2019 Tamburlaine Orange Reserve Riesling Quite developed colour and nose. Full flavoured. At peak. ★★★

Judges

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