2021 RIESLING

Vintage 2021 was very kind to riesling right across the south of our continent. The figure of 36/65 at ★★★★ and above attests to that. You can purchase any of the 36 with confidence. Comments from the panel regarding sweetness were more common than ever before. Is this the beginning of a winemaking trend? Apart from wines labelled off-dry, we favoured those where sweetness was subliminal and the wines were at least perceived to be dry.

2021 Eldredge Blue Chip Clare Valley Riesling The pristine floral/lime nose is Clare through and through. Racy acidity enlivens a long, powerful palate that delivers the goods in all respects. An exceptional varietal expression. ($30.00) ★★★★★
https://www.eldredge.com.au/product/blue-chip-riesling/

2021 Pikes The Merle Reserve Clare Valley Riesling The pronounced limeyness is absolutely typical of both geographic origin and grape. A fresh, intense, beautifully made riesling that will age well. ($55.00) ★★★★★
https://www.pikeswines.com.au/wine/2021-merle-reserve-riesling

2021 Naked Run The First Clare Valley Riesling Tight, fresh, floral and "chalky". This is a vibrant, lip-smacking wine that ticks all the boxes. A cellaring proposition par excellence. ($25.00) ★★★★★
https://www.nakedrunwines.com.au/products/the-first-riesling-1

2021 Duke's Single Vineyard Porongurup Riesling Quite fragrant, yet reserved. The dry palate is long, strongly varietal and fine, finishing with uplifting acidity. Well worth cellaring. ($25.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.getwinesdirect.com/white-wines/Dukes-Single-Vineyard-Great-Southern-Riesling-2021

2021 Jim Barry Watervale Riesling The fragrant nose is very appealing, and it's backed up by a lively, well balanced palate that offers a faint initial sweetness. Most enjoyable current drinking. ($18.00)
★★★★☆
https://www.danmurphys.com.au/product/DM_25179/jim-barry-watervale-riesling

2021 Colmar Estate Block 5 Orange Riesling A lemony style with a faint sweetness. The fresh, balanced palate is satisfyingly long. (Not yet released) ★★★★☆
https://colmarestate.com.au/

2021 Mesh Eden Valley Riesling The nose is richly limey, with a hint of jasmine, and the flavour-packed palate is well balanced by acidity. This wine will improve with cellaring. ($28.90) ★★★★☆
https://auscellardoor.com.au/products/mesh-eden-valley-riesling

2021 Pepper Tree Stone Mountain Orange Riesling Limey but slightly subdued aromatics. The palate is bursting with life, finishing with a faint sweetness. ($50.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.peppertreewines.com.au/product/2021-stone-mountain-single-vineyard-riesling/

2021 Pepper Tree Limited Release Topaz Orange Riesling Rich and varietal - a lovely limey expression in fact. A suggestion of sweetness is perfectly balanced by acidity. ($30.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.peppertreewines.com.au/product/2019-limited-release-riesling/

2021 Byron & Harold Rose & Thorns Great Southern Riesling Delicate, fresh and floral. A dry, linear riesling with lingering acidity. Precise and fine. ($22.50) ★★★★☆
https://wine.qantas.com/p/Byron-and-Harold-Riesling-Rose-Thorns-2021/BYRHARRTRIE21_C12

2021 Tamar Ridge Tasmania Riesling Apple aromas with hints of lime blossom. Has good fruit weight, and the acidity balances the low-key sweetness. The finish is impressively long. ($25.00) ★★★★☆
https://www.tamarridge.com.au/product/tamar-ridge-riesling/

2021 Grosset Springvale Clare Valley Riesling The vibrant lime aroma reflects pristine riesling. Racy acidity drives the long, dry palate. Cellar 3-5 years. ($47.00) ★★★★
https://www.winestar.com.au/grosset-springvale-watervale-riesling-2021

2021 Pewsey Vale Eden Valley Riesling The typical florals of Eden Valley show out in this richly flavoured riesling that finishes acid-fresh. Good buying. ($17.00) ★★★★
https://www.jimscellars.com.au/products/pewsey-vale-riesling

2021 Pikes Traditionale Clare Valley Riesling The delicate floral/lime perfume is strongly varietal and appealing.. Excellent fruit weight, with a faint sweetness and good acid balance complete the picture. ($26.00) ★★★★
https://www.pikeswines.com.au/wine/2021-traditionale-riesling

2021 Leo Buring Clare Valley Dry Riesling Varietal lime aromatics carry hints of tropical fruit. The flavoursome, well balanced palate provides most enjoyable drinking. Good value. ($16.00) ★★★★
https://shortysliquor.com.au/leo-buring-clare-valley-dry-riesling

2021 Clonakilla Canberra District Riesling Delicate but a little reserved at the moment. The palate offers persistent, citrus-like flavour. A crisp, well made riesling. ($32.00) ★★★★
https://clonakilla.com.au/product/2021-riesling/

2021 Mount Majura Vineyard Canberra District Riesling A full-flavoured, fresh, apple/citrus style that is lively and long. Residual sweetness is balanced by a pleasant acid cut. ($30.00) ★★★★
https://www.mountmajura.com.au/product/riesling/

2021 Longview Macclesfield Adelaide Hills Riesling Slightly restrained but very fresh and limey. A riesling of substance and steely acidity. ($30.00) ★★★★
https://www.longviewvineyard.com.au/product/2020-macclesfield-riesling

2021 Stage Door Wine Co Eden Valley Riesling A rich, limey riesling with plenty of power. It's full of life, long and dry. (Not yet released) ★★★★
https://stagedoorwineco.com.au/

2021 Hentley Farm MC Riesling This riesling from the Mount Crawford sub-region of the Barossa Valley is fresh and limey, with a clean, long, satisfying palate. ($34.50) ★★★★
https://www.hentleyfarm.com.au/shop/

2021 Quiet Mutiny Charlotte's Elusion Tasmania Riesling A rich, floral riesling of considerable power. A faint sweetness, backed up by lively acidity, adds to its appeal. (Not yet released) ★★★★
https://quietmutiny.wine/

2021 Kenny Wine Polish Hill River Clare Valley Riesling Fresh apple/lime nose. The long palate finishes with a refreshing acid zip. (Sold out) ★★★★
https://kennywine.net/collections/wine

2021 Penfolds Bin 51 Adelaide Hills Riesling Very attractive floral/lime aromas. A riesling of power, length, acidity and balance. ($40.00) ★★★★
https://www.firstchoiceliquor.com.au/white-wine/penfolds-bin-51-ev-riesling-2021-750ml_4662415

2021 Seppelt Drumborg Vineyard Riesling The vibrant floral/lime nose is pure and strongly varietal. Skilful use of residual sugar is a feature of a beautifully balanced palate. ($31.95) ★★★★
https://www.mycellars.com.au/shop/seppelt-drumborg-riesling-2021/

2021 Ashton Hills Estate Piccadilly Valley Riesling The restrained floral aromas suggest cool-grown fruit, as does the linear, steely palate. This wine needs time in bottle, but should develop beautifully. ($40.00) ★★★★
https://www.ashtonhills.com.au/products/28929-estate-riesling/

2021 Grosset Polish Hill Clare Valley Riesling The colour looks ever so slightly advanced, but the rich limey nose is very fresh. A strong line of acidity provides the backbone for the mouth-filling flavour. ($70.00) ★★★★
https://www.unitedcellars.com/au/grosset-polish-hill-riesling-2021

2021 Hentley Farm OD Barossa Riesling Intense citrus aromas. Some sweetness is balanced by acid and grip, and there's plenty of varietal flavour. ($34.50) ★★★★
https://www.hentleyfarm.com.au/shop/

2021 Freycinet Vineyard Tasmania Riesling A very fresh lemon/lime style with hints of guava. The rich flavour is supported by typical Tasmanian acidity. (Not yet released) ★★★★
http://www.freycinetvineyard.com.au/order_now/order_now.html

2021 5452 Watervale Riesling by KT The floral/lime/tropical fruit aromas pack a punch, and there's no shortage of fruit weight and acidity on the long dry palate. ($21.00) ★★★★
https://winesbykt.com/products/5452-watervale-riesling-2020

2021 Wirra Wirra The Lost Watch Adelaide Hills Riesling Vibrant lime with touch of SO_2. Good length of flavour and dry finish. Needs another year in bottle. ($26.00) ★★★★
https://wirrawirra.com/products/2021-lost-watch-riesling

2021 Hentley Farm Eden Valley Riesling A ripe, intense citrus style. It's a good mouthful of riesling with balanced acidity. ($25.50) ★★★★
https://www.hentleyfarm.com.au/product/eden-valley-riesling-4/

2021 Best's Great Western Riesling Intense stone fruit/citrus aroma and flavour. Slight sweetness with a decided acid lift. ($25.00) ★★★★
https://www.bestswines.com/product/2021-GW-Riesling

2021 Robert Stein Mudgee Dry Riesling Flavour-packed and citrus-like, with balanced acidity. Seems to be a short term style. ($40.00) ★★★★
https://www.robertstein.com.au/wine/2021-dry-riesling

2021 Duke's Magpie Hill Reserve Porongurup Riesling Floral/lime aromatics. Steely acidity accentuates the dry finish. Definitely needs time. ($40.00) ★★★★
https://www.dukesvineyard.com/stock/2020-magpie-hill-reserve-riesling

2021 Vickery Watervale Riesling There's a lot of flavour to be enjoyed in this riesling that shows some tropical fruit overtones. Good current drinking. ($20.00) ★★★★
https://www.nicks.com.au/products/2021-vickery-watervale-riesling

2021 Gaelic Cemetery McAskill Clare Valley Riesling Typical Clare lime. Drinking well, but needs a little more aromatic lift. ★★★☆

2021 Tim Adams Clare Valley Riesling Richly limey, with a faint hint of leatherwood honey. Slightly forward, but has good acidity. ★★★☆

2021 Kimbarra Wines Great Western Riesling The citrus aromas carry a straw-like overtone. The varietal flavour is matched by a slight firmness. ★★★☆

2021 Eden Hall Springton Riesling Vibrant fragrant lime. Palate starts off well but tapers. ★★★☆

2021 Hentley Farm PR Riesling Fresh, fragrant, slightly peachy. Substantial palate with some phenolic grip. ★★★☆

2021 Alkoomi Black Label Riesling Full citrus/stone fruit characteristics with a touch of SO_2. Fairly firm and dry. Plenty of flavour. ★★★☆

2021 Eden Hall Reserve Riesling Fragrant lime aromatics. Rich and ready. ★★★☆

2021 Robert Stein Mudgee Half-Dry Riesling RS15 A clearly varietal lime-floral style in which the sweetness is well matched by acid. ★★★☆

2021 Colmar Estate Block 6 Orange Riesling Comparatively dull nose. However, there's plenty of flavour and a fresh finish. ★★★☆

2021 Bream Creek Tasmania Riesling Slightly forward and not quite ripe. Sweetness compensates. ★★★☆

2021 KT Peglidis Watervale Riesling Rich and slightly forward, but there's no shortage of limey varietal flavour. ★★★☆

2021 Ferngrove Cossack Single Vineyard Great Southern Riesling Slightly reduced nose. Hints of pineapple. Plenty of flavour. ★★★

2021 Peter Lehmann Portrait Eden Valley Riesling Somewhat forward. Has varietal character, but it's a short term wine. ★★★

2021 Heggies Vineyard Estate Eden Valley Riesling A slightly advanced, full flavoured riesling that drinks well. ★★★

2021 Alkoomi White Label Frankland River Riesling Slightly forward. Citrus/peach with a hint of wet straw. Richly flavoured and acid-fresh, but firm. ★★★

2021 Pauletts Polish Hill River Clare Valley Missy Riesling Citrus aromas with slight guava/gooseberry overtone. Quite sweet. Needs more acid. ★★★

2021 Devils Corner Tasmania Riesling A rich, limey riesling with good acid support. ★★★

2021 Pauletts RIES Clare Valley Riesling Slightly broad citrus nose. Good fruit with a slight sweetness. Ready to drink. ★★★

2021 Robert Stein Mudgee Reserve Riesling The nose shows rich citrus aromas, but doesn't jump out of the glass aromatically. However, there's plenty of flavour. ★★★

2021 Pauletts Polish Hill River Riesling Quite forward citrus aromas. Plenty of flavour, but there's a hard acid finish as well. ★★☆

2021 Carillion GM198 Clone Orange Riesling The delicate floral nose is dulled by faint sulphides, but the palate is impressively linear. ★★☆

2021 Rizza by KT Citrus nose with hints of passionfruit. There's no lack of flavour but the finish is firm. ★★☆

2021 Peter Lehmann Hill & Valley Eden Valley Riesling Light citrus aromas. Slightly sweet. Needs more fruit weight. ★★☆

2021 Jaeschkes Hill River Clare Estate Riesling Quite developed. Shows a wet straw aroma. ★★☆

2021 Hewitson Gun Metal Eden Valley Riesling Too advanced. Has richness, but isn't fresh enough. ★★

2021 Pauletts 109 Clare Valley Reserve Riesling Limey, but developed. ★★

2021 Eldredge Spring Gully Clare Valley Riesling Advanced colour. Quite dull. ★★

2021 Tahbilk Riesling A sweaty reductive character dominates. ★☆

2021 Frankland Estate Riesling Obvious reduction detracts. ★☆

All wines were poured by our stewards and tasted "blind" in brackets of ten or fewer.

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