

2022 Championship – Riesling

The dry riesling market is alive and well in Australia. Climatic warming is challenging producers in traditional areas like the Clare and Eden Valleys, but astute work in the vineyards is paying dividends. Tasmania may not yet be a big player in terms of hectares, but it's already in the conversation when it comes to discussing Australia's finest rieslings.



Medallion Winner 2020 Pressing Matters Coal River Valley

Riesling R9 The intensely floral bouquet leans to Europe, and the long, powerful palate is beautifully balanced, the racy Tasmanian acidity “absorbing” the nine grams of sweetness. This wine has a long future ahead of it. (Not yet available) ★★★★★

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

2021 Robert Stein Mudgee Dry Riesling Year after year Jacob Stein works magic with riesling. This one offers vibrant floral aromatics. The long, satisfying palate is crisply acidic and full of life. Enjoy it now or keep for 3-5 years at least. (\$40.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.robertstein.com.au/wine/2021-dry-riesling>

2021 Bream Creek Vineyard Tasmania Riesling Full flavoured and floral, showing Granny Smith apple and citrus characteristics. The palate is supported by a strong spine of acidity. A delicious example of Tasmanian riesling. (\$31.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.breamcreekvineyard.com.au/wine/bream-creek-vineyard-2021-riesling>

2021 Pikes Merle Clare Valley Riesling The vibrant restrained lime blossom nose is absolutely typical of Clare, and the long, intense palate is a pristine expression of riesling. Cellar ten years. (\$47.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.nicks.com.au/products/2021-pikes-the-merle-riesling>

2021 Josef Chromy Tasmania Riesling The floral, leatherwood aromas are typical of very cool climate fruit. The palate is long, racy and delicate. (\$25.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.winesquare.com.au/2018-josef-chromy-riesling-northern-tasmania-1.html>

2021 Penfolds Bin 51 Eden Valley Riesling The fresh limey nose is very engaging, and the richly flavoured palate has excellent acid balance. Enjoy now – 2027. (\$35.00) ★★★★★☆

2021 Pikes Traditionale Clare Valley Riesling This a Clare classic in every sense – from the vibrant limey bouquet to the lingering lively finish. (\$26.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.pikeswines.com.au/wine/2021-traditionale-riesling>

2021 Pewsey Vale Vineyard Eden Valley Riesling Given that this wine can be found on most wine merchants' shelves, it can be looked upon as a standard-bearer for Australian riesling. It has performed that role with aplomb for decades. This vintage is an attractive lime/apple style with a “crisp and crunchy” fruitiness. Classic Eden Valley riesling at a bargain price. (\$18.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://www.boccaccio.com.au/products/pewsey-vale-eden-valley-riesling>

2021 Wirra Wirra The Lost Watch Adelaide Hills Riesling A delicate, floral, bone-dry riesling of excellent length and balance. The acidity is lemony and uplifting. (\$26.00) ★★★★★☆
<https://wirrawirra.com/products/2021-lost-watch-riesling>

2021 Robert Stein Mudgee Reserve Riesling A fresh, perfumed, floral example of riesling that is intense, long and dry. It's a little shy at the moment. Give it at least three years. (\$70.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.robertstein.com.au/wine/2021-reserve-riesling>

2021 Bleasdale Adelaide Hills Riesling Fresh, slightly subdued and citrus-like. The powerful fruit carries the slight firmness well. (Not available) ★★★★★

2021 Colmar Estate Block 5 Orange Riesling Fresh lime sherbet aromatics. Flavoured-packed and limey, with a faint sweetness that is balanced by acidity. (\$40.00) ★★★★★
<https://colmarestate.com.au/products/2021-block-5-riesling?variant=39936952729732>

2020 Quiet Mutiny Charlotte's Elusion Tasmania Riesling The richness of the floral/lime aromas and flavours is impressive, and the acid plays its supporting role well. Enjoyable now. (\$38.00) ★★★★★
<https://quietmutiny.wine/products/charlottes-elusion-2020-riesling>

2021 Sons of Eden Freya Riesling Rich and varietal but a little forward. The impressive fruit weight is matched by crisp acidity. (\$23.00) ★★★★★
<https://covertwineco.com/products/sons-of-eden-freya-eden-valley-riesling-2021-6-bottles>

2021 Pike and Joyce Ceder Adelaide Hills Riesling It's fresh, delicate, floral and racy, but doesn't have quite enough middle. (\$30.00) ★★★★★

2021 Pepper Tree Stone Mountain Single Vineyard Orange Riesling Quite forward, but it's richly flavoured and varietal. (\$50.00) ★★★★★
<https://www.peppertreewines.com.au/product/2021-stone-mountain-single-vineyard-riesling/>

2021 Dandelion Vineyards Wonderland of the Eden Valley Riesling A little too forward and faintly sweet, but it's full flavoured and satisfying. (\$60.00) ★★★★★
<https://dandelionvineyards.com.au/products/wonderland-of-the-eden-valley-riesling-2021>

2021 Vintelooper R/21 Riesling ★★★★★

2021 Shaw Wines Winemakers Selection Riesling ★★★★★

2020 Gala Estate Riesling-White Label ★★★★★

2020 Naked Run Place in Time Sevenhill Riesling ★★★★★

2021 Shaw Wines Estate Riesling ★★★

2020 Fernfield Wines Hidden Valley Riesling ★★★

2021 Nick O'Leary Riesling ★★☆

2021 Miners Ridge MR Riesling ★★☆

2021 Eden Hall Reserve Riesling ★★☆

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