

2019 GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS RIESLING

Each year grapes for the GOED Riesling are sourced from the Merindoc vineyard located only 4kms from our own property in Tooborac. The single clone single vineyard site is surrounded by granite boulders and rolling hills.

All grapes were handpicked on the 4th April 2019 and this year 1/3rd was fermented in ceramic egg with the further 2/3rds in old French oak barrels.

VINEYARD

Merindoc Vineyard, first vines planted in 1994, Riesling was planted in 1996

Town: Tooborac	Soils: Granitic, ironstone washed through with granite sand over yellow and black cracking clays.
Region: Heathcote	
Planted: 1996	
Area: 2Ha	
Clone: Pewsey Vale	Altitude: 305m
Aspect: North to South	

TASTING NOTES

A riesling of great texture, personality and drinkability. There is a great volume of pot pourri, citrus & slate in the bouquet, providing a pretty intro to each sip. The palate shows off a really fine, powdery-chalky feel that is in harmony with lemon pith and green apple. The fruit sweetness and powdery tannins drive the long finish.

Ageing: 7+ years

WINE ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol: 12.4% Acidity: 7.7 PH: 3.19

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The dry winter of 2018 forced an early spring and the buds were bursting earlier than usual. A good amount of welcome rain followed in mid spring encouraging rapid but balanced growth. The hot spell early in the year accelerated ripening, but the balance of cool Heathcote nights and hot days made for exceptional growing conditions. It was a vintage that truly defied the conditions and offered great depth and intensity.

WINEMAKING

Fruit: Chilled fruit, de-stemmed then de-stemmed fruit back into cool room on skins for 24hrs. Pressed off into 1/3rd ceramic egg, 2/3rds old French oak barrels with full solids.

Fermentation: : 1/3rd ceramic egg, 2/3rds old French barrels

Yeast: Wild yeast **Fining:** None



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