

PENFOLDS RESERVE BIN RIESLING  
AGED RELEASE



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**OVERVIEW:** The Penfolds Aged Release Reserve Bin Riesling is either an Eden Valley or Clare Valley wine, depending on vintage conditions. Winemakers are looking for fruit of exceptional acid balance and flavour concentration. Such strict fruit selection means that the wine can be made only in special vintages. The Penfolds Clare Estate, Woodbury and High Eden vineyards are the principal sources of fruit, although a small percentage of independently grown fruit is used in the Clare Valley vintages.

The Penfolds Reserve Bin Riesling is a wine which must have sufficient structure to allow for medium to long term aging. Although it embraces house style winemaking, the wines produced can also show strong regional definition. Joseph Ward observes, “There is a distinct difference between the Clare Valley and Eden Valley Rieslings. The aged Clare Rieslings show plenty of toastiness and a structure and weight similar to Late Harvest Rieslings. The Eden Valley Rieslings, on the other hand, are more classically structured with honeyed aromas and fine crisp acidity”. The wine is released after a period of maturation, usually about five years after vintage.

The Aged Release Reserve Bin Riesling is released purposely after five years to highlight the exquisite maturation characters of aged Riesling. When young, these wines are very aromatic, but lean in structure. During the aging process the floral/citrus characters of Riesling develop rich toasty honeyed aromas and flavours, balanced by the variety’s naturally high acidity. White winemaker Oliver Crawford says, “We bottle these wines very early, relatively soon after fermentation. We seek to preserve freshness of fruit, but also a bead of very fine acidity. As the wine ages, it becomes more complex and develops very generous flavours on the palate”.

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***First Vintage:*** 1992

***Variety:*** Riesling

***Origin:*** Clare Valley (including independently grown fruit), Woodbury and High Eden Valley Vineyards. Regional sources depend on vintage conditions.

***Fermentation:*** Stainless steel tanks.

***Maturation:*** Maturation in bottle for five years before release.





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1992 **Now** 2008

Medium gold. Finely developed and classic Clare Valley style with buttered toast and some dried lemon/lime peel/honey aromas and flavours. The palate is rich and fleshy with fine tight mineral acidity.

1993 **Now** 2008

Medium gold. An expressive and intense Clare Valley wine with toasty/lime/marmalade aromas. A soft palate with plenty of fruit richness, lemony acidity and flavour length.

1995 **Now** 2010

Medium gold. A quintessential Eden Valley Riesling showing great balance and finesse. Intense grapefruit/lime/stone fruit aromas with some toasty/oilskin complexity. A very dry refined palate with lime/stone fruit flavours, plenty of mineral nuances and a very long finish. Great vintage.

1997 **Now** 2006

Medium gold. A very rich generous wine with plenty of toasty/fruit compote aromas and touches of honey. The palate is already quite developed but retains classic Clare Valley structure with mid-palate richness and high-pitched acidity. Finishes with a mineral grip.

1998 **Now** 2018 ★

Medium gold. Highly aromatic distinctly Clare Valley wine with lemon/camomile/pear aromas and some spice/herb nuances. Tightly focused palate with richly concentrated lemony/mineral/spice flavours and fine indelible acidity. A wine with great mouth-feel and balance.

1999 **Now** 2006 ★

Medium yellow. An Eden Valley wine. Potent aromas of apricot, fig jam and lime juice followed by a fruit-laden, silky glycerol textured palate. Not a classic Riesling profile or structure but certainly a good drink now.

2000 **Now** 2020

Medium yellow. An Eden Valley wine, with intense mineral/slate/fruit-sweet aromas with camomile/pear nuances. The palate is well-balanced and concentrated with lemon/lime flavours, crunchy acidity and plenty of length.

Outstanding vintages ★