

Penfolds

RESERVE BIN

EDEN VALLEY RIESLING 2001

Created as part of the evolving Penfolds white wine development program, Penfolds Eden Valley Reserve Riesling captures the essence of the Eden Valley Riesling style. The high altitude and cool climate of the region produces Rieslings with great complexity and capacity for long term cellaring.

South Australia is gaining worldwide recognition as a definitive Australian Riesling style, with Eden Valley at the very head of the field. The wines show typically focused green apple and lime aromas, with a mineral edge and marked acidity contributing significantly to the palate feel and flavour. With the 1999 vintage release, the development of Penfolds Eden Valley Riesling marked a new chapter in a long history of Penfolds involvement in fine winemaking from this variety.



VINEYARD REGION	Eden Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Winter rain ensured good soil moisture levels in time for budburst and flowering and a healthy early vine development phase. The hot conditions of late January that swept much of South Australia were mitigated by the availability of dam water for relief irrigation. The Riesling harvested from this region has been nominated as amongst the highlights of the 2001 vintage.
GRAPE VARIETY	Riesling
MATURATION	Cold stored in stainless steel prior to bottling.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 12.60% Acidity: 6.90g/L pH: 3.17
LAST TASTED	15-Nov-04
PEAK DRINKING	Now
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Seafood

Winemaker comments by
John Duval

COLOUR

Light pale green with brilliant hues.

NOSE

Very good varietal characters with up-front juicy citrus fruits and an appealing underlay of mineral and rose petal freshness. The wine is currently showing the fresh, estery aromatic of youth yet possesses underlying depth and complexity.

PALATE

Very lively with bright fresh fruit, the wine is floral and juicy with relatively gentle acidity affording attractive drinking now. The characteristic varietal flavour of citrus fruits and crisp red apples fill the finish, promising much for sustained bottle development.