



RESERVE BIN

EDEN VALLEY RIESLING 2002

Created as part of the evolving Penfolds white wine development program, Penfolds Reserve Eden Valley 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 typically show focused green apple and lime aromas, with a mineral edge. A marked acidity contributes significantly to the palate feel and flavour.

First released in 1999 vintage, the development of the Penfolds Eden Valley Riesling marks a new chapter in a long history of Penfolds involvement in fine winemaking from this variety.



VINEYARD REGION	Eden Valley
VINTAGE CONDITIONS	Consistent rainfall during a mild winter led to good soil moisture levels before an early spring. Summer temperatures were lower than average, which allowed the fruit to ripen slowly. Riesling was considered the highlight for 2002 in the Eden Valley producing a crop with intense fruit flavours and excellent natural acidity.
GRAPE VARIETY	Riesling
MATURATION	Vinification is focused on retaining the clean fruit intensity, with emphasis on minimal handling and the earliest possible bottling. Small batch processing occurs to minimise oxidation. A cool ferment takes place slowly in stainless steel tanks.
WINE ANALYSIS	Alc/Vol: 13.00% Acidity: 7.90g/L pH: 3.04
LAST TASTED	29-Jul-04
PEAK DRINKING	Now - 2015
FOOD MATCHES	Ideally suited to Seafood, Asian, Vegetarian

Winemaker comments by Peter Gago

COLOUR Pale yellow with a lustrous clarity and green hues.

NOSE Spotlessly clean with initial aromas of citrus fruit, lime and rose petal. As the wine evolves in the glass, hints of freshly cut grass, spicy nutmeg and cloves complete the nose.

PALATE The quality of the fruit is immediately evident with restrained initial citrus and orange blossom flavours. A steely, almost austere structure and a zesty mineral complexity complete the palate, providing great length.