

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

Riesling 2003

In 1961, the original Pewsey Vale Vineyard was planted. Situated west of Eden Valley, at 460 metres above sea level, the vineyard consists of gently undulating hills, nestled close to Pewsey Vale Peak.

The quality of the vineyard is a reflection of this altitude and the low-fertility, grey, sandy loam soils which prolong ripening into the cool autumn season. This long ripening period develops unique, consistent flavour profiles which are classic 'Pewsey Vale'.

Pewsey Vale Rieslings are renowned for their delicacy, finesse and intense lemon and lime characteristics, and the high levels of well-balanced acids that contribute to their extraordinary ageing potential.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Following the gorgeous 2002 vintage Eden Valley Riesling, the 2003 had a lot to live up to, but in classic form it did. Another dry winter led to vines setting conservative but acceptable crops, and a dry and warm January forecast an early vintage. However, February brought some much needed rain, and the following cool, dry weather was perfect for the ripening of flavours and sugars in the grapes. The final result is that the 2003 vintage will be remembered as one of the great white vintages in the Eden Valley.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Optimal harvest time contributed to grapes exhibiting the classic ripe flavours of Pewsey Vale and Eden Valley, with gorgeous natural acid freshness.

After 20 years this wine represents one of the milestones in the long history of Pewsey Vale as it is the first current release since the 1983 to be sealed under a Stelvin "screw cap" closure. Pewsey Vale Eden Valley Riesling 2003 is an intensely flavoured wine. Pale straw in colour with lively green hues and a nose displaying aromas of intense citrus fruit, lots of limes and lemon zest, with an overlaying hint of rosemary and spice. The palate shows great length and depth with lime and lemon flavours, finishing with a refreshing natural acidity which balances the flavour intensity.

PRESS REVIEWS / AWARDS

Bargain Buy - "...Pewsey Vale proprietor Robert Hill Smith has declared 2003 the best Eden Valley Riesling year in decades and this great value-for-money dry white goes a long way to vindicating that. Gentle and fine, it has zesty citrus-like characters and great length on the finish."
Jeff Collerson, Food & Wine (Daily Telegraph), January 28, 2004

For more information visit <http://www.pewseyvale.com>

VINTAGE INFORMATION

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| Vintage | 2003 |
| Region | Eden Valley |
| Winemaker | Louisa Rose |
| Harvested | 21st March - 16th April |
| Alc/Vol | 13% |
| Total Acid | 6.6 g/L |
| pH | 3.05 |
| Residual Sugar | 3.7 g/L |
| Cellaring | Medium to long term |

