

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

The Contours Riesling 1996

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'.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

1996 will be remembered for the quality of Eden Valley Rieslings. It was a dry and mild season, enabling the vines to ripen crops to a higher than usual sugar level, resulting in a wine showing intense varietal character. This special release of Riesling was made from the fruit from old vines planted on contours in 1962.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Mid straw in colour with lemons and limes on the nose with underlying orange blossom characters. The palate shows more citrus fruits and is beginning to develop bottle character with a subtle toast. The finish is long with a crisp and refreshing citrus zest.

PRESS REVIEWS / AWARDS

"My pick is the 1996 (Pewsey Vale Contours), which has stacks of youthful lemon and lime aromas with a hint of mature toastiness. Another five years should see the wine evolve with increasing character and complexity."
Peter Bourne, Australian Gourmet Traveller, January 2001

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	1996
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Louisa Rose
Harvested	April 1996
Alc/Vol	12.5%
Total Acid	6.5 g/L
pH	2.99

