

# PEWSEY VALE

## VINEYARD

### The Contours Riesling 1997

*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

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.

Riesling from the Eden Valley in 1997 was considered to be as good as the legendary 1984 and 1986 vintages. A long, slow ripening period achieved high sugar levels which were balanced with outstanding levels of acidity. This resulted in a very generously flavoured wine that is undoubtedly one of the best Pewsey Vale Rieslings of the decade.

#### WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

The Pewsey Vale Contours 1997 is pale golden in colour with green hues and an aroma displaying intense ripe fruit with an abundance of fresh lime and a hint of tropical fruit. The palate shows great length and depth with citrusy lime and orange blossom flavours that are complexed by a natural mineral acidity. The Stelvin closure has ensured that the wine will live for many years to come, slowly developing more toasty characters, while still preserving the fresh fruit flavour.

#### PRESS REVIEWS / AWARDS

"Adelaide Wine Research Institute TROPHY" for Best Riesling, Adelaide Wine Show 2002  
"Winery Supplied TROPHY" for Best White Wine, Adelaide Wine Show 2002

GOLD Medal, Canberra Wine Show 2002, class 32, Dry White

"The Tasmania Wine Centre" TROPHY for Best Riesling, Hobart Wine Show 2002  
The "Cliff Heard" TROPHY for Best Dry White of Show, Hobart Wine Show 2002

#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	1997
<b>Region</b>	Eden Valley
<b>Winemaker</b>	Louisa Rose
<b>Harvested</b>	March/April 1997
<b>Alc/Vol</b>	12.5%
<b>Total Acid</b>	7.1 g/L
<b>pH</b>	3.11
<b>Residual Sugar</b>	5 g/L

