

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

The Contours Riesling 1998

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, intense lemon and lime characteristics and the high levels of well-balanced acids that contribute to their extraordinary ageing potential.

The 1998 ripening season was near perfect, with mild and dry conditions allowing the fruit to ripen slowly through Autumn and well into April before being picked. At harvest, both sugars and flavours were perfect and balanced well by high fruit acids, resulting in a wine with exceptional balance, elegance and finesse.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Pewsey Vale The Contours Eden Valley Riesling 1998 is light straw in colour with green hues. A hint of toast overlies the still intense ripe lime fruit aroma. The palate is dominated by citrus flavours, lime peel and marmalade and finishes with a lemon drop crispness. The wine is just showing the first signs of bottle age after 5 years, indicating there is still a long future in front of it.

PRESS REVIEWS / AWARDS

Australia's most awarded Riesling of 2003. Seven wine show Trophies - including The Bayleys Viticulture Trophy for Best Wine of the Show at the Canterbury A & P Show of 2003 plus nine Gold Medals.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	1998
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Louisa Rose
Harvested	17 April 1998
Alc/Vol	12.5%
Total Acid	6.3 g/L
pH	2.97
Residual Sugar	3.7 g/L

