

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

The Contours Riesling 1999

Pewsey Vale Vineyard was first planted to Riesling by Joseph Gilbert in 1847. The site was later purchased by well known grazier Geoff Angas-Parsons whom in 1961 invited his friend Wyndham Hill Smith to jointly develop the historic vineyard site. They believed the site could produce "delicate Rieslings in the Germanic style".

High in Eden Valley (nearly 500m above sea level) 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 we now describe as classic 'Pewsey Vale'.

Grapes for The Contours Riesling, our flagship Riesling with 5 years bottle age, are selected from the oldest vines planted in contoured rows in 1962.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

The summer of 1999 was warm and dry, and the Riesling vines at Pewsey Vale remained typically healthy, ripening their fruit well. The resulting wine reflects these conditions and is an ongoing testament to the vineyard and the Eden Valley.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

Pewsey Vale The Contours Eden Valley Riesling 1999 is light straw in colour with green hues. A hint of toast overlies the still intense ripe lime and citrus aromas. The palate is dominated by citrus flavours, lime peel and marmalade, finishing with a lemon drop crispness. It shows wonderful freshness for a five-year-old wine, indicating there is still a long future ahead of it.

The history of Pewsey Vale and Stelvin spans over three decades. After the 1969 Pewsey Vale Riesling took Australia by storm, it was thought that the time was right to introduce a revolutionary new closure. The first screw cap used on the Pewsey Vale Riesling was the Stelcap in 1970. Stelvin was commercially introduced in Australia - and Pewsey Vale - in 1976, and used exclusively until 1983. In 1995 the Stelvin was reintroduced as the preferred closure for the bottling of the first "Pewsey Vale Contours".

PRESS REVIEWS / AWARDS

Pewsey Vale The Contours 1999 has achieved widespread acclaim both internationally and within Australia - 4 Trophies plus 7 Gold Medals to date.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	1999
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Louisa Rose
Harvested	25 March 1999
Alc/Vol	12.5%
Total Acid	6.8 g/L
pH	3
Residual Sugar	2.8 g/L

