

PEWSEY VALE

VINEYARD

Prima Riesling 2007

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'.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

'Prima' Riesling is an early harvest style of wine made from grapes picked three to four weeks before the rest of the vineyard. The final wine has been made in a semi-dry style which retains some of the fruit sugars in balance with the chalky mineral acidity. The naturally lower alcohol of the wine further heightens its refreshing character. Prima Riesling has been sealed with a glass stopper called "vino-lok" which visually enhances the exotic nature of the wine while preserving the pure wine flavours.

The 2007 Pewsey Vale Prima Riesling exhibits a real purity of style, with aromas hinting of the classic Pewsey Vale Riesling characters yet most redolent of lemon blossom and home-made lime cordial. The palate shows great length with a vibrancy of perfumed fruits such as guava, mandarin and sweet peach overlaid with a touch of spicy clove. Both Pewsey Vale Vineyard Riesling and this style of wine have great pedigrees for ageing, so even though this is the first 'Prima' Riesling made, we know that the wine will cellar well, slowly developing flavour layers of fresh toast and spice for many years.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Natural rainfall in the Eden Valley during the growing season was less than 40% average, and this combined with slightly higher than average temperatures caused the grapes to ripen nearly a month earlier than normal. This was fortuitous as supplementary irrigation was very scarce - the dam was dry! Despite these trials the quality of the fruit from the 160th Pewsey Vale vintage was excellent, and the first Prima Riesling is proof of this.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2007
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Louisa Rose
Harvested	11 February 2007
Alc/Vol	9.5%
Total Acid	7.7 g/L
pH	2.91
Cellaring	5-15+ years



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