

# Rieslingfreak

## Reverence of Riesling



### **2021 Rieslingfreak No.4 Eden Valley Riesling “Dry”**

#### **2021 Vintage**

The growing season for 2021 continued the theme of the past few years of being generally warm and dry, with the third warmest spring on record. Rainfall was slightly above average for September and October, ensuring good canopy growth, but the rains abated and were well below average in November creating perfectly mild conditions for flowering and ensuring above average crops. The warm spring gave way to a generally cool and dry summer, with the coolest average temperature since 2001-2002. This gave the vines an easy ride into vintage with low water stress and excellent fruit-set. Several discreet yet significant rain events in January and February kept canopies fresh without prolonged periods of humidity, meaning disease pressure was virtually negligible. As the grapes ripened, cool days and cold nights made for slow ripening, giving the grapes exceptional flavour development at low Baume.

#### **2021 Rieslingfreak No.4 Eden Valley Riesling**

This year, the No.4 was made from selected vineyards across the Eden Valley region; predominantly the High Eden subregion of Flaxman Valley which is renowned for producing delicate, elegant styles of Riesling. Selected parcels from the Springton area of Eden Valley, reputed for intense flavour and rich aromatics, add complexity to the bouquet and opulence to the palate.

In a year where Eden Valley Rieslings are shining so brightly, No.4 is a beacon among them. The bouquet leaps forth with aromas of white florals, sweet spice, lime and quince. The palate is elegant yet assuredly structured with foundational slate-like minerality running beneath the more delicate flavours of citrus and rosewater. The racy natural acidity, which is a hallmark of the vintage, runs the length of the palate drawing through to a fine, crisp finish; and lingering lusciously in the mouth long after the wine has gone.

pH: 2.92 TA: 7.2g/L Alc: 11.1% v/v Sugar: 2.1g/L