



Heggies Vineyard Museum Reserve Eden Valley Riesling 1998

The Heggies Vineyard was purchased in 1971 by Wyndham Hill Smith from his great friend, Colin Heggie. The label portrays Colin astride this horse Jack at sunset, surveying the first plantings in the fledging vineyard.

Positioned in the rugged but beautiful high country of the Eden Valley region, it is marked by huge gums and rocky outcrops and produces wines of individual flavour and character.

This limited edition release from Heggies' museum stock was sealed under Stelvin screw cap closure and carefully stored in our cellars to mature and develop for five years prior to release. This wine highlights the ability of Stelvin closure to preserve the delicate and distinctive flavours and aromas that mark Heggies as one of Australia's premium high country grown Rieslings.



WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

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.

Pale straw in colour with tints of green, Heggies Vineyard Museum Reserve Eden Valley Riesling 1998 offers a nose of juicy citrus lime, which melds with the toasty bottle maturation notes that develop in Eden Valley Rieslings. The palate explodes with fruit flavours of lime, musk, spice and toast, which lead into a lingering mineral finish.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS

"Perfect in every sense of the word. This is the highest natural sugar achieved in the vineyard since 1992 and is probably the benchmark style as far as youthful drinkability and maturation potential is concerned.

This wine is an outstanding example of mature Riesling. It will continue to age gracefully and will achieve further complexity over the years. A classic mature wine such as this illustrates the advantage of sealing wines under Stelvin closure rather than cork."

Peter Gambetta, Heggies Vineyard Winemaker

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	1998
Region	Eden Valley, South Australia
Winemaker	Peter Gambetta
Harvested	April 1998
Alc/Vol	12.5%
Total Acid	6.8 g/L
pH	2.93
Cellaring	10 years

