



## Heggies Vineyard Reserve Riesling 2004

*Heggies Vineyard is the sort of place a man would sit on his horse in silence at sunset and marvel at the ways of nature. Through the combination of innovative viticultural practices and unique 'terrior', this challenging and picturesque estate vineyard produces distinctive, balanced wines – beautifully structured and long on flavour.*

*Nestled in the high country of Eden Valley, Heggies Vineyard is situated at an altitude of 550m above sea level where the soil is a thin layer of grey sandy loam over clay and decomposed rock. With only 787mm of average annual rainfall, the vines compete vigorously for moisture and nutrient, producing wines of full flavour, finesse and balance.*



### WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Fruit from the Heggies Vineyard is picked in the cool of the night and swiftly transported to our winery. The grapes are given minimal handling and only free run juice is used in the making of this wine. The juice is fermented at cool temperatures using aromatic yeasts, and then blended early at the completion of vintage. In 2004, the grapes had such perfect fruit/acid balance that the wine was able to be made without any extra acid additions.

The wine has a pale straw colour with a delicate green tint. The nose is intense showing citrus blossom and other white flowers. The palate is crisp and delicious with flavours of limes and fruit zest. Heggies Riesling always shows a wonderful minerality, as though you are tasting the crushed quartz which is the underbed of much of the Vineyard.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The winter of 2003 saw excellent rains and the breaking of a long drought so there was plenty of water in the soils and in the dams. Conditions during the growing season were mild and big crops flowered and set. There was a period of hot weather in early February which sunburnt those vineyards that without sufficient canopy, though the Heggies Vineyard rode out this period easily. The remaining days leading up to harvest were sunny and mild with cool nights producing Riesling grapes of style and substance.

### VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2004
Region	Eden Valley
Winemaker	Peter Gambetta
Harvested	25th March - 8th April 2004
Alc/Vol	12.5%
Total Acid	6.9 g/L
pH	3.06



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