



2025 GREAT WESTERN RIESLING

Riesling vines were first planted as part of Henry Best's 'Nursery Block' vineyard in the 1860s. From subsequent plantings in 1944, 1978 and 1998 Riesling has become a significant part of our range of wines.

Rieslings from Great Western produce flavoursome, elegantly structured, spectacularly age-worthy examples, which stand confidently alongside some of the most outstanding Australian wines of this variety. In recent times, the style has evolved to match the continental climatic conditions to a beautifully balanced wine with texture and aromatics.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Region:	Great Western, Victoria
Grape Variety:	Riesling
Alcohol:	11.5%
Residual Sugar:	6.87 g/L
Winemakers:	Jacob Parton & Dom Bolton

TASTING NOTES

Colour:	Lemon-green.
Bouquet:	Orange blossom and jasmine lead, backed by bright lemon and lime citrus.
Palate:	Kaffir lime, lemon rind, green apple and nashi pear fills the front palate. A touch of apricot nectar from the residual sugar adds softness. The wine shows a firm line and long finish, with lingering notes of wet stone and lemon sherbet.
Cellaring:	The youthful freshness on release is hard to resist, yet this wine will reward time in the cellar. It will develop layered toasty aromas and deeper flavour complexity as it ages. Pair with fresh seafood and Asian style salads.
Vintage:	Vintage 2025 was warm and dry, with heat across the growing season and occasional relieving rain. Strong diurnal shifts kept nights cool, preserving natural freshness. The warm days built intensity and concentration, while the cool nights shaped a Riesling with clarity, lift, and poised elegance.





AWARDS AND REVIEWS

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2025 Canberra International Riesling Challenge

Elite/Gold award and the Trophy for:

- Best Australian Riesling
- Best Dry Riesling
- Best Wine of the Challenge

REVIEWS

Halliday Wine Companion - Jeni Port, December 2025

‘Grampians riesling at it’s very best. It defines varietal intensity but so too a fine and utterly delicious delicacy of touch. Aromatic, spicy, apple and lime scented with a lemon – lime essence quality, almost crystalline, that impresses and resonates deep. The palate brings an airy, powdery expression that runs deep and long and intense in lemon – lime citrus, grapefruit pith, apple and gingery spice married to a pure and lively acidity. Runs long, stays bright and will age and keep on going. **Rating:** 97 points

The Real Review - Huon Hooke, January 2026

‘Very light, almost pale green- yellow colour. Restrained and yeasty aromas of lemon blossom, green herbs and mandarin, the palate soft and open-knit, diffuse and gentle in its acidity. Nice, seamless flow. Very smart wine in the medium term’. **Rating:** 93 points
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Richard Slater - Melbourne’s Westsider newspaper, May 2026,

Riesling is a variety that hugely reflects its site, the growing conditions, and winemaking that should utterly respect the fruit. It doesn’t need oak, so it can be quick to market, and yet can be cellared for decades.

For sheer numbers, South Australia’s Clare and Eden Valleys may hold Riesling cachet but in particular Best’s, Crawford River, Granite Hills and Seppelt’s (Drumborg) very consistently wave the Riesling flag for Victoria.



Best's (in the Grampians) produces a dramatic range of quality wines, with their various age-worthy Shiraz wines always on my purchase radar. And you can also tour the historic underground cellar at no cost.

This wine starts with a youthful pale colour, then we're away into the bracing aromatic world of lime, passionfruit, red apple and ginger spice notes. The palate is dry, fruit filled, graceful and utterly refreshing. It's an altogether lovely wine, which also has won several well-deserved trophies. Plus, the price is a complete gift.

With? This zippy wine will complement plenty. Pan-fried salmon was a winner but chicken or pork dishes, even pasta with a creamy sauce, and many Asian inspired dishes will work.

The Real Review- Stuart Knox, May 2026

'Ultra pale lemon hue. Bright lemon zest, floral and crushed chalk aromatics. Lime and lemon on entry with a hint of sweet, glazed pastry. Lovely mouth feel, supple and graceful rather than overly tense, and while the finish is long it has an openness that makes it immediately appealing'. Rating 93/100

Robert Parker – Australia: New Releases June 2026 - Erin Larkin

'The 2025 Riesling comes from cuttings from the mother vines planted on the property (still producing, mind you) planted in 1866. It's an incredibly special site in Victoria, and they are—as an unnecessary aside—responsible for my absolute favorite Pinot Meunier, anywhere: the Old Vine Pinot Meunier. So here, the 2025 Riesling leads with lime and lilac, green apple, nashi pear and saline acidity. This is gorgeous. I love it. The acidity will preserve it for a long time to come. It drinks nicely now too, however. 11.5 % alcohol, sealed under screw cap'. Drink 2026- 2036

Rating 95 points