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The joys of riesling

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HOWARD PARK RIESLING 2007

“...winemakers...are now making rieslings that are better and more consistent than at any time in our history...”

It’s a pity, therefore, that more people couldn’t fit into the barrel room at Howard Park for the international riesling tasting held recently. If they could, I’m sure we would have a lot more converts to this wonderfully versatile and beautiful variety.

In Australia, our greatest rieslings traditionally have come from Eden Valley and the Clare-Watervale region north of Adelaide. But other areas such as Victoria’s Drumborg, and more recently Tasmania where a blurred Aussie Germanic style is emerging, and WA’s Great Southern, produce rieslings of exceptional quality.

In each of these areas, there is a strong sense of site and terroir expressed in riesling. It emerges in its structure, its subtle and instinctive aromas and its range of flavours from pristine crystalline limey citrus, through a crunchy wet slate to a smoky spiciness.

A highlight of the Howard Park tasting was the quality of the WA wines. Now I know they are good but even in this exalted company, they excelled. In particular – and remember these are tasted blind – the Howard Park riesling was outstanding and a near perfect example of the variety from the Great Southern.”



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