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## 2009 HOWARD PARK RIESLING



“They have done it again. I’ve made this point about Australian Riesling previously but I do believe it is the most likely of any variety to come close to perfection. Taking that thought a step further; the Howard Park Riesling 2009 is that close to this idea of perfection it is not funny. The 2007 vintage was our best Riesling back in the year of vintage, the brilliance of the 2008 vintage ensured the follow-up nudged that same bar of quality. Of course no-one should be surprised. These guys have been making this wine for 25 years, it emanates from the wonderful Great Southern region of WA, a region challenged only by the best of Clare Valley for the perfect (there’s that word again) spot to grow this variety.

A few years ago, I wrote that this label would have pride of place in the unofficial list of Grand Cru of Aussie Riesling, that they have just released the third exceptional wine in a row is testimony to that. I have a good ally with my superlative statement, James Halliday writing *“Year-in, year-out, one of Australia’s best Rieslings.” 96 Points.*

The new release 2009 is a throwback to the style of the 2007. It teases with the merest hint of tropical fruit (a character young examples of this wine have always shown) before smacking you with a citrus crunch of lemon and lime and if you sniff it for as long as I did, some grapefruit and pear. The perfection continues in the mouth where these beautiful characteristics are balanced with a no-beg-your-pardon mouth-puckering acidity that leaves you doing all sorts of tricks with your mouth and tongue, again as previous vintages have done! **Three ‘Exceptional’ ratings in a row** from me, I can’t think of the last time a wine of any colour or creed did that!”

Drink: Now-2025+

Quality: Exceptional



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