

HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HOWARD PARK RIESLING 2012

THE SEASON

The 2012 growing season in the south west of Western Australia was favourable for the production of great wine.

The Mount Barker and Porongurup regions experienced warm to hot conditions throughout the entire vintage period. Hot spells in March intensified the effect of little spring and summer rain. Soil moisture remained low and only the cooler south facing vineyard sites received some reprieve off the southern ocean. This relief was limited as the seasonal onshore streams that deliver cooler conditions across the region, were weaker than normal.

The above average warm and dry conditions did accelerate ripeness and allowed all varieties to be harvested early.

2012 has delivered Riesling with ripe fruit flavours and a mineral, linear acidity.

THE SITES

The Great Southern Riesling is an annual blend of the finest cut of free juice from select vineyards in the Mt. Barker and Porongurup subregions of the Great Southern. The cool sites on our Mt Barrow vineyard dominate the blend. This vineyard is planted on a south facing ridge-top with an elevation of between 285 to 370 m.

The Porongurup portion is sourced from two of the oldest vineyard plantings in the Porongurup sub-region. Both vineyards sit high on opposing shoulders of the volcanic outcrop that dominates the surrounding landscape. The warm north facing site at an elevation of 333 m provides intense citrus fruit character to the wine, while the south facing site at 226M and cooled by the breezes off the southern ocean provides a hint of delicacy, white blossom perfume and restraint.

WINEMAKING

Each vineyard block is vinified separately in stainless steel tanks. After settling bright, the free run juice is racked before a long and cold fermentation to preserve regional character and delicate fruit flavours. Blending occurs in June of the vintage year, with the objective of showcasing the typicity of each site in the final wine.

TASTING NOTES

Crystalline, pale lime yellow in colour with intense and lifted aromas of freshly zested lemon/lime citrus.

The palate is full of fresh citrus, nashi pear and green skin apple flavours that give depth and richness.

Whilst defined by these rich fruit flavours, the palate is guided by a fine, mineral and citrus acidity that adds length and finish to the wine.

This wine has great intensity, richness, definition and length of flavour.

CELLARING

In its youth, the Great Southern Riesling is bright in style, full of abundant fresh fruit, a mineral texture and tight acidity. In time the wine will develop a nut praline and poached citrus and apple richness whilst retaining its linear acidity and stone-like minerality. Howard Park Rieslings will cellar for more than 10 years.

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VARIETY

Riesling

REGION

80% Mount Barker
20% Porongurup

CELLARING

More than ten years

ANALYSES

Alcohol: 12%v/v

pH: 3.04

Acidity: 7.9g.lt

Residual Sugar: 0.3g.lt



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