

# HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## HOWARD PARK RIESLING 2001



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#### TECHNICAL NOTES

The 2000/2001 growing season was almost perfect. The winter was very dry and the summer, perhaps, a little too hot but for those growers with balanced, more mature vines and realistic crop loads, fruit quality was outstanding. The Riesling fruit was picked in early March from vineyards in Mount Barker and the Porongurup's, in the Great Southern region of Western Australia. As usual, to preserve the citrus-flavoured acidity, the Riesling was picked early in the season but, as a result of the warm, dry conditions, attractive hints of richer, slightly tropical fruits accompany the traditional lemons and limes. The fruit was given a very gentle crush – just sufficient to burst the individual berries. The resultant “free-run” was kept separate, being the finest quality juice, free from harsh, bitter phenolics. The Howard Park Riesling was selected from the best batches of fermented free-run juice, blended and bottled. This style of wine represents the purest expression of the fruit, a reflection of fruit quality.

#### TASTING NOTES

The wine is a pale straw colour with lively, steely green tinges. The nose is a perfumed blend of limes, lemons and more tropical passionfruit.

The immediate impressions on the palate are of a seamless structure, fine vibrant acids and lingering citrus flavours. The use of only free-run juice has given the wine “fineness”, balancing the fragile varietal flavours of Riesling.

There is a complex array of flavours in the mouth, dominated by lemons, limes and grapefruit. These are supported by hints of spice and mineral on the mid-palate and green apple on the impressively long finish.

#### VARIETY

2001 Riesling

#### REGION

Great Southern

#### CELLARING

Appealing in its youth, but may take up to 10 years to reach complexity of aged Riesling.



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