

Elderton Friends
Eden Valley Riesling
Vintage 2006
(Stelvin Cap)

THE WINE

100% Eden Valley Riesling

Colour: Very pale straw with green tinges.

Nose: Delicious aromas of lime, lemon and citrus blossom.

Palate: Beautifully focused and pure, the lime flavours are well backed by tremendously well integrated steely acidity.

Alcohol: 12% Alc/Vol

Ageing: Drink now or cellar for more complex toasty characters.

Food: A wonderful aperitif, great with freshly battered flathead fillets, Oysters , or lots of Asian inspired dishes.



VINTAGE

This is our 21st Vintage of Riesling and the 10th consecutive 100% Eden Valley Riesling. Our dedication to Eden Valley for our Riesling fruit has again been rewarded with this excellent wine, which we believe is one of the finest we have released. 2006 sees the beginning of a new grower partnership for this wine, and we believe the difference is astounding from previous vintages.

VITICULTURE

The Eden Valley sub-appellation of the Barossa varies tremendously in climatic conditions and soils from that of the Barossa valley floor. The climate is cooler and wetter and the soils tend to be skeletal and minerally, which is a major determinant in growing some of Australia's and indeed the world's best Riesling. Care is taken in every step of the vine cycle, hand pruning, careful selection of picking time and many hours of nurturing throughout the year all contribute to the wonderful results found in the bottle.

WINEMAKING

Quick separation of the juice from the skins gives the purest juice possible. A long cool ferment and prompt separation from the yeast lees has given a truly vibrant Riesling of classical style. Bottled very early to capture all the fresh citrus/lime characters and to hold the crisp finish. This Riesling is straight as an arrow, showing classical and stylish refinement in the mid palate and balances with an amazing crisp finish.

ACCOLADES

2007 Hyatt International Riesling Challenge **GOLD – TOP 10**