

BIN 51 EDEN VALLEY RIESLING 2019

Created in the 1990s as part of the evolving Penfolds white wine development program, Bin 51 captures many of the attributes of the Eden Valley locale. The region's high altitude and cool climate induces riesling with great finesse and elegance with a capacity for long-term cellaring. South Australia has gained worldwide recognition for producing definitive world-class riesling and Eden Valley always features. In their youth, the wines possess scented floral and citrus aromas, with a mineral edge and marked natural acidity, contributing significantly to the palate texture and flavour. The evolution of Penfolds Bin 51 Eden Valley Riesling opens another chapter in a long history of Penfolds involvement in winemaking from this variety.

GRAPE VARIETY Riesling

VINEYARD REGION Eden Valley

WINE ANALYSIS Alc/Vol: 12.5%, Acidity: 6.8 g/L, pH: 3.01

MATURATION Three months in stainless steel

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2019 vintage is a story of quality over quantity. Like the rest of South Australia's growing regions, Eden Valley had a very dry winter and spring. These conditions continued through summer with hot and dry weather in January and February. The prevailing conditions resulted in one of the lowest yielding vintages on record. The resultant dry conditions meant there was no disease pressure. Riesling grapes exhibited terrific varietal character, with bracing natural acidity.

PEAK DRINKING

Now - 2026

LAST TASTED July 2019

COLOUR Light straw

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When opened and swirled mandarin, lemon cordial and orange blossom aromatics are immediately unleashed. Acquiesces in the citrus spectrum - more so than manifesting Eden Valley's archetypal floral aromas... a warmer-than-average growing season has left its imprint. Upon closer inspection, hints of lavender talc, lychee and the faintest waft of cardamom spice. No doubting variety, style and region!

PALATE

A slightly fuller Riesling akin to the Bin 51's of the early 2000's, no doubt due to the drier and warmer 2019 Eden Valley harvest. Tempting flavours of lemon tea cake, apple strudel with jasmine florals and Tahitian lime leaf round out a palate nevertheless still enlivened by chalky acidity.

'Softened' and very approachable now. Recommend more immediate drinking, with medium-term Eden Valley Riesling cellarability. Partake.