

`Wigan` Eden Valley Riesling 2012

Eden Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Andrew Wigan
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	11%
Residual Sugar	5.5g/L
Acidity	6.8g/L
Wine pH	2.94
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Peter Lehmann founded his eponymous winery in 1979, partly as a means of helping with the glut of grapes then afflicting the Barossa. "I'll take your grapes and turn them into wine," he told the desperate growers, many of them conservative farmers of Silesian descent who regarded their old vines as part of their patrimony. "But I'll only be able to pay you when I sell the wine." They gratefully accepted. Without this deal, it is widely believed that the Barossa would have lost a large swathe of its old vines. The crisis passed, in large part thanks to Peter's energy and vision, and the Lehmann winery became one of the Barossa's and Australia's most outstanding and historic wineries.

The 'Masters' wines are made from the parcels regarded by the winemakers as the best Semillon, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz of the vintage.

VINEYARDS

Known for producing truly world class Riesling, the soils of the Eden Valley are shallow and rocky. The fruit for this wine comes from the William Hurn - Ross' Block single vineyard.

VINTAGE

2012 was an outstanding vintage. The weather was mild throughout the year. Cool nights allowed a gentle, slow ripening which produced white wines of great fruit definition.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were picked early and fermented cold in stainless steel for two weeks before clarification. Bottling took place immediately, then the wine was cellared at the winery for five years prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 'Wigan' Riesling is delicate in colour with a green tinge, and a soft aroma of lime cordial combined with toasty characters. The palate shows great fruit purity with a fresh, crisp, dry finish. This is one of the classic Wigan Rieslings from an exceptional vintage, one for the ages.

AWARDS

Matthew Jukes 100 Best 2018, Matthew Jukes
Sommelier Wine Awards 2018, Silver