

Peter Lehmann Masters,
`Wigan` Eden Valley Riesling 2015
Eden Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Andrew Wigan
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	11%
Residual Sugar	5.7g/L
Acidity	6.7g/L
Wine pH	2.97
Notes	Vegetarian

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

Sourced from Willam Hurn's 'Old House' Vineyard, planted in 2002. The vineyard has all the hallmarks of a classic Eden Valley Riesling site – high altitude, soils composed of schist and shale and protected by afternoon sun due to it being nestled at the base of Menglers Hill.

VINTAGE

Grapes were harvested early, following a cool and dry growing season and timely rainfall at veraison. A classic vintage, the 2015 will be hailed as one of, if not the greatest Wigan Riesling made, only fitting given this vintage was Andrew Wigan's last before his retirement.

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

Delicate in colour with youthful highlights, and a soft aroma of lime and floral notes combined with toasty characters. The palate shows great fruit purity, with intense lime cordial character mixed with lemon rind and a fresh, crisp, dry finish. This is one of the classic Wigan Rieslings from an exceptional vintage, which will age well.

AWARDS

Decanter World Wine Awards 2022, Silver
The Wine Merchant Top 100 2022, Highly Commended