

Dandelion Vineyards,
`Enchanted Garden of the Eden Valley` Riesling 2023
Eden Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Elena Brooks
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	11.5%
Residual Sugar	0.9g/L
Acidity	8.3g/L
Wine pH	3
Bottle Sizes	75cl

PRODUCER

Dandelion Vineyards is the venture of talented winemaker Elena Brooks, and her husband Zar. Their project makes wines from the Barossa and Eden Valleys, Fleurieu, the Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale. Elena hails from Bulgaria. Her mother worked for a local producer, and so much of Elena's childhood was spent in a winery. By 15, she was well-versed in the ins and outs of the winemaking process, and by 16, she had made her first wine. After formal study and stints making wine worldwide, Elena eventually settled in McLaren Vale with Zar and founded Dandelion Vineyards. Nick Stock, one of Australia's leading journalists, wrote about Dandelion Vineyards saying, "The approach is remarkably simple and sees Elena making wine from a suite of beautiful old vineyards across that blessed curve that runs from the Barossa, up through the Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills and down into McLaren Vale."

VINEYARDS

The 'Enchanted Garden' vineyard was planted in 1910 and thrives to this day; a thriving cool climate 2.8 hectare Eden Valley site in Barossa. The soils consist of sandstone bedrock with ironstone gravels, quartz and red rock fragments on the surface, which provide great minerality for this Riesling.

VINTAGE

The Eden Valley entered the growing season with above average soil moisture, which resulted in a strong budburst across the vineyards. The Spring was one of the wettest on record, which developed reasonably large canopies in the vineyard. This was followed by a mild summer which led to the majority of the fruit in the region being harvested four to six weeks later than the 10-year average. The 2023 vintage was excellent for riesling production, the cooler season developing fresh and vibrant Rieslings with great ageing potential.

VINIFICATION

Whole bunches were hand picked and destemmed without crushing the fruit to fill the press exactly. The free-run juice and pressings were fermented separately in small tanks at controlled temperatures between 11-13°C. The wine was bottled directly with minimal fining and filtration to capture the essence of the vineyard.

TASTING NOTES

Clear and bright with a golden colour, this wine is pure and powerful. Beautiful aromas of honeysuckle, dragon fruit, and citrus flowers are framed by musk and rose petal aromatics. The palate exhibits a deep citrus flavour complemented by tart green apple and lime flavours. A taut acidity brings the fruit flavours forward, toward a mouth watering finish.