



## 2015 EMPRESS

### EDEN VALLEY RIESLING

"There's no doubt that Shiraz is the 'king' of the Barossa Valley, and as winemakers we're spoilt rotten to get access to some of the oldest and best Shiraz vineyards on the planet. However, someone 'up there' must be really looking out for us Barossa winemakers, because right next door we've got the Eden Valley, and its magnificent 'empress'...Riesling! Dotted across what is a beautiful landscape you'll find some of Australia's best Riesling vineyards, the birth place of some of the most mind numbingly superb dry white wines this country produces.

Whilst the 2015 had its moments (a short burst of heat in early February had us crushing Shiraz morning noon and night for a while there) the conditions were generally excellent for Riesling. We handle our Riesling in the winery a little different to most, with the juice pressed off oxidatively and fermented with some solids at cool temperatures in the pursuit of added flavour and texture.

Our Riesling shows great fruit purity, and once your palate negotiates the initial pure citrus flavours, the wine glides across the mid-palate with an energetic gait showing hints of mineral 'wet slate', orange blossom, white flowers and talc. Just an amazing drink!"

KYM TEUSNER, WINEMAKER



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