

WATTLE BRAE RIESLING

STORY BEHIND THE WINE

The old vines for this single vineyard dry Riesling are planted on a unique Eden Valley property affectionately known as Wattle Brae for the native trees that surround it. It is one of Langmeil's cherished estate vineyards dedicated to capturing the best of region and variety.

THE WINERY

The Lindner family of Langmeil Winery has been immersed in the Barossa's culture of farming, food, wine and community for six generations. Their commitment to quality in all aspects is unwavering and any wine that bears the Langmeil name represents the family's pursuit of excellence in wine and community.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2019 VINTAGE REPORT

2019 was the smallest harvest since 2000 and was indeed a vintage of highs and lows. Fortunately, the quality was exceptional with intense colours, flavours and tannins in the reds; however, yields were meagre due to several climate-related reasons.

A drier than average winter and spring limited vine growth from the outset, and in a dry year, there is a higher risk of frost. The Barossa and Eden Valleys were hit by frost on 29 September which burnt young shoots, resulting in an even smaller, second-growth crop. The Eden Valley was frosted again on 8 November which disrupted flowering. As if that wasn't enough, hail fell on some vineyards on 22 November.

What little fruit there was ripened quickly in the hot, dry conditions of January and February, with a mad rush to pick before sugar levels became excessive. On the plus side, the lack of rainfall meant there was no disease pressure this season.

For the first time in 20 years, we took Easter off with the final press load on Good Friday. The kids loved having their Dad home to share his Easter eggs! Overall, I am thrilled with the 2019 wines. The reds will be bold, dark, rich and long-lived. Sadly, they will be in very short supply.

Paul Lindner, Chief Winemaker

Colour: Pale straw with green hues.

Aroma: A delicate, bouquet of lime and tropical fruits, with hints of green apple, citrus blossom and talc.

Palate: Fresh and lively, lime and Granny Smith apples tantalise the taste buds, with a zingy, zesty mouth feel and great balance.

Cellaring: 2019 - 2029



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2019

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Australia

GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Eden Valley

GRAPE COMPOSITION

100% Riesling

OAK TREATMENT

None

VINE AGE

Vines Planted in 1969/1970 and 1980

YIELD PER ACRE

1.5 tonnes per acre

TRELLISING

Double cordon, spur pruned

SOIL TYPE

Grey, sandy loam, mostly decomposed granite

HARVEST DETAILS

12 and 13 of March

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 11% pH: 2.85 TA: 8.1g/L

Residual Sugar: 4.7g/L

VA: 0.32g/L

FOOD MATCH

Smoked trout with lemon, freshly shucked oysters, spicy Asian foods, seafood chowder.