

The Empress Riesling, Teusner Wines

Barossa Valley, Australia



Product code	TE14ZZWC
Grapes	Riesling
Country	AUSTRALIA
ABV%	12.5
Case Size	12
Closure Style	Screw Cap
Producer	Teusner Wines
Vintage	2023



Vegan



Vegetarian

Teusner

Producer

A company born from a chat over a pint in 2001. Kym Teusner and Mick Page, overheard a couple of grape growers talking about grubbing up their 85 year old Grenache vines. The guys stepped up and offered the growers four times what they'd be paid for the crop before. This stance is the cornerstone of their business, treating growers with the respect they deserve. Kym and Mick make the kind of wines they like to drink, we liked them too when we visited back in 2016. The wines are full of character, edged with the old vine complexities that we love. It's exciting, after so many years of keeping in touch with progress at the winery that we finally have the wines in Ireland.

Tasting Notes

The 2022 Vintage is one of the finest of recent times - only time will tell just how revered it will be. The long dry 'Indian Summer' dealt us almost perfect ripening conditions, the small crop harvested with an abundance of flavour and a stunning citrus acid line. A fine talc like quality present reflects the sheer fruit intensity and we thank our 'mate up on the hill' for his efforts. It's a great drink...and I have to say thanks to my sister Lee for bringing the essence of The Empress...strong, sensual, desirable...to life on the front label."

Winemaking

We're lucky enough to work with a fantastic and dedicated vigneron whose vineyard is located merely a stone's throw from the Eden Valley township itself. With a South Easterly aspect, the vineyard is perched on swale of free draining and ancient granitic sand at an elevation of 420m. The unique combination of site, soil and 40 year old vines leads to very low yields of intensely flavoured fruit. The cooler conditions (especially at night) associated with the higher altitudes lead to later ripening and greater retention of natural acidity.

Awards

92pts - Dave Brookes - Halliday Wine Companion. Sourced from a single block of 40-year-old vines at 420m elevation in the Eden Valley. Pale straw with pure lime and green apple fruits along with hints of Christmas lily, Epsom salts, crushed stone, white flowers and a whiff of fennel. The palate swells with sapid, limey fruit before focussing and powering through to a finish showing excellent fruit purity, ample drive and detail. 2 Feb 2023