



Pewsey Vale

From the coolest slope of a historic vineyard, this wine highlights Eden Valley's pedigree in crafting elegant, age-worthy Rieslings.

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The Contours Riesling 2012

Eden Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

Pewsey Vale Vineyard, established in **1847**, lies at 457 meters (1,500 feet) above sea level in **Eden Valley**, a cool-climate region nestled within South Australia's Barossa zone. The vineyard is composed of **grey sandy loam soils**, and the old vines used for The Contours Riesling are planted on the site's **coolest slope**, producing wines with lifted aromatics and pronounced acidity. The vineyard is farmed following **organic and biodynamic principles**, further enhancing the expression of place.

Eden Valley is renowned for its combination of **mild summers, cool nights**, and reliable diurnal range—conditions that foster slow, even ripening and vibrant natural acidity. The 2016 vintage experienced **a warmer-than-average winter** followed by **ideal rainfall patterns** during the growing season. These mild conditions allowed for excellent fruit set and flavour development, setting the stage for a superb Riesling harvest.

Winemaking

The grapes underwent a **prefermentation soak on solids for 1 to 4 days**, allowing for increased textural complexity and aromatics. Fermentation took place in **stainless steel tanks** using **wild yeasts** from the vineyard, aligning with a **low-interventionist philosophy**.

No malolactic fermentation was used, preserving the crisp natural acidity. The wine was then **bottle-aged for five years** before release, a signature element of The Contours style that imparts layers of toast and spice over the varietal purity of Riesling.

The wine is **100% Riesling**, with an alcohol level of **12.5%**, **residual sugar of 1.9 g/L**, and a taut **acidity of 6.55 g/L** (pH 2.91).

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale straw with green hues.
- **Aroma:** Classic lemon and white flower notes intertwine with bottle-aged aromas of toast, clove oil, and lemongrass.
- **Palate:** Concentrated lime juice layered with toasted brioche, sage oil, and lemongrass. Vibrant acidity drives the finish, balancing power and precision.

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Did you know?

Pewsey Vale The Contours is **only released after five years of bottle aging**, making it one of Australia's few white wines intentionally cellared before release. This commitment reflects a long-standing philosophy of showcasing Riesling's **evolution and longevity**, particularly in cool-climate regions like Eden Valley.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Foie Gras:** The wine's zesty acidity cuts through the richness while toast and clove notes complement the dish.
- **Five-spice duck breast:** Aromatic spices play well with Riesling's lifted citrus and aged spice nuances.
- **Gnocchi with shaved truffle and olive oil:** Earthy richness is balanced by the wine's bright citrus core and umami complexity.



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