

THORN-CLARKE

EDEN VALLEY SANDPIPER

RIESLING

2023



The Brand

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.

Winemakers Note

This delightful Riesling is a dance of flavours on your palate. Its pale straw green hue invites you and the nose shows aromas of white flowers, grapefruit, and zesty lime. The first sip is a perfect balance of fruit and zing, blending crisp green apple, light florals, and a burst of lemon and lime. Elegant minerality and a long, refined citrus profile create a complex, satisfying finish. Versatile and food-friendly, it pairs wonderfully with a wide range of dishes

Vintage

2023 was a vintage that was anything but typical. A wet and cool winter and autumn gave the vines a great start with ample amounts of soil moisture. The cool conditions however also meant delayed flowering and fruit set in the vineyard and moving into the growing season slower maturation of the grape bunches. The harvest was up to 6 weeks later than average in some vineyards and this slow ripening process allowed for exceptional flavour development and acid retention. White wines are pronounced and aromatic, showcasing vibrant flavours and crisp acidity, while the red wines display deep colour, solid structure, matured tannins, and a lingering finish.

Winemaking

Our Mt Crawford vineyard in the Eden Valley produces exception Riesling grapes. Daily vineyard visits to assess maturity ensured that the grapes were picked at the optimal level of ripeness. Harvested at during the cool of the night, and delivered to our winery, the grapes were gently pressed to tank retaining their natural acidity and freshness. Fermentation was at low temperatures to ensure that we preserved the delicate aromas and flavours. After fermentation, the wine was stabilised and carefully filtered then bottled. This Eden Valley Riesling drinks beautifully as a young wine while promising an evolving experience, getting more complex with time in the bottle.

Alcohol - 11.0% Winemaker - Peter Kelly

Vineyards - Mount Crawford