

THORN-CLARKE

EDEN VALLEY SANDPIPER

RIESLING

2024



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

Vibrant pale straw in colour with brilliant green highlights. Immediate fresh lime and lemon aromatics are apparent on the nose, with layered floral notes and a touch of spice and talc. The palate again shows that fresh cut lime, along with trademark minerality and the vibrant acid line synonymous with the region. The final impression is an Eden Valley Riesling that is finely balanced with precision, perfume, and a delicious core of mouth-watering fruit.

Vintage

2024 was not your average vintage. Harvest began at the end of February and was completed just four weeks later. But despite the vintage being short and compressed, each vineyard ripened in a nice orderly fashion. Whites from 2024 have a purity to them, with pristine fruit, crisp acid and a long fine finish. They are expressive now but, in the case of Riesling, offer a long life ahead as well.

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