



Oak Valley Stone & Steel Riesling 2015

main variety Riesling

vintage 2015

analysis alc: 10.5 | ph: 2.95 | rs: 11.1 | ta: 8.0 | va: 0.37

type White

producer Oak Valley

style Off Dry

winemaker Adam Mason

taste Fruity

wine of Elgin

tasting notes

Oak Valley Riesling expresses pleasing fruit aromas of white peach, litchi and pear. Fruit-forwardness follows on the palate with an abundance of fresh lemon, limes and green apple complemented by good textural viscosity and weight. The linear acidity cleanses the palate, keeping the natural sugars (11 g/l) in perfect balance creating a brilliantly refreshing wine.

blend information

100% Riesling

in the vineyard

Aspect: South-West facing slopes

Elevation: 460m

Soil type: Medium texture gravelly soils

Clone: 239

Rootstock: 101-14

Planting date: 2004 (Viognier)

Ha planted: 1.80 ha

Average tonnage: ± 4 tons p/ha

Irrigation: Drip irrigation, post-harvest mostly

Vines per ha: 3400 vines

Trellis system: Extended Perold

about the harvest

Fruit is harvested from this south-facing mountain block (0.80ha) planted in 2004 and grafted to Riesling in 2011. Situated ± 460 m above sea level, yields are low due to shallow soils and strong prevailing North-Westerly winds in spring. Grapes are harvested early morning and chilled to 7°C.

Harvest dates: 3 March 2015

in the cellar

Bunches are hand sorted, de-stemmed, crushed and then undergo a period of skin contact in tank to enhance flavour extraction before going through a gentle pressing cycle. The juice is settled and racked before initiating fermentation. Tank fermentation occurs at a cool 10-14°C until the decision is taken to arrest fermentation based on a thorough sensory evaluation. The wine is left on the gross lees for ± 4 weeks. Oak Valley purchased an additional 3.46t from Lothian Vineyards, in Elgin, and included this in the final blend. 1ha of Riesling has been planted in 2015 taking the total planting on Oak Valley to 1.8ha.