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## Reed 2019 'White Heart' Riesling

**Winemaker:** Sierra Reed

**Grape(s):** Riesling

**GI:** Geelong

**Site(s):** Austin's Family Farm

**Vintage notes:** A strong vintage, though quite dry starting in January. Lack of water resulted in early ripening and some reduced yields.

**Vineyard notes:** North facing sloped vineyard in the Moorabol region of Geelong. Rows are planted north/south on limestone and loam soils and the vines are 20 years old.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, and aged in stainless steel for 7 months on gross lees. Spontaneous ferment stopped with a residual sugar of 23 grams/liter and a TA of 10 grams/liter. 20ppm free sulfur.

**Closure:** Stelvin

**ABV:** 10.3%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** Lemon aspen (a spongy, floral native citrus) mouthfeel with a searing acid line cutting through the off-dry finish. The phenolic structure dries out the finish and exacerbates the salinity and mineral tingle. This wine is layered and textured yet undeniably riesling, giving up high aromatics for power and moreishness.

**Label design:** Reed's labels and font are adapted from the 1937 catalog of a famous wine store in France called Nicolas, from the artist Jacques Darcy. The name "White Heart" is an ode to the Dubost family, who Sierra worked with in Paso Robles, California, and who made a wine of the same name.

**Production size:** 2,700 liters