



Stargazer 2019 Single Vineyard Riesling

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

Grape(s): Riesling

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Estate vineyard, Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: Warmer than average from October through January, with the season ending up being one of the warmest on record for Tasmania. Vintage was quite compressed.

Vineyard notes: This is the fourth Stargazer riesling to come from this unnamed single vineyard site, located in the Tea Tree subregion of the Coal River Valley, twenty minutes northeast of Hobart. Planted in 2004 to a density of 5000 vines/hectare, with soils of dark clay on Jurassic dolerite. The vines are cane-pruned and trained to a VSP canopy. In process of transitioning to organic viticulture.

Winemaking: Hard-harvested in two picks in early April at 12.6° and 12.8° baumé. Both picks were destemmed and left in contact with skins for about eight hours prior to gentle pressing. The majority was wild-fermented in stainless steel over a month; 25% was wild-fermented in old oak. The stainless-steel ferments were arrested in June and left on lees for close to three months, with battonage every two weeks. 2.87 pH, 7.2 g/L TA, 9.1 g/L residual sugar.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 13.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: Very pale yellow in color with green hints, the nose is floral and lifted, showing waxy white flowers, gardenias and jasmine. Pink grapefruit and desert lime spiciness, with a hint of salty green native Kakadu plum. The acid provides structure, drive, and backbone to the palate, while the tangy exit is balanced with a judicious touch of residual sugar and glycerol plumpness.

Label design: Stargazer's varietal series depicts historic buildings or natural features of Tasmania. The 2019 shows Shot Tower on Brown's River Road, built in 1870. Based on a postcard from the Historic Trust of Tasmania.

Production size: 5328 bottles

Scores: 93 Points (Wine Enthusiast)

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