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Reed 2020 'White Heart' Riesling

Winemaker: Sierra Reed

Grape(s): Riesling

GI: Geelong

Site(s): Bannockburn Estate Vineyard

Vintage notes: 2020 was a tough growing season, with wild winds during flowering. Heavy rain, humidity and mild temperatures continued into summer. When monitored and triaged effectively, these conditions produced lower yields with delicate flavors and higher than average natural acidity.

Vineyard notes: Rows are oriented north-south and are on a gentle slope with a northeastern aspect, looking out onto the Moorabool river catchment. Soils are dusty alluvial sediment over limestone bedrock. One of the few sites in Victoria, and really Australia as a whole, where we see an ancient seabed near the surface, rather than being covered by more recent geological formations.

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 6.2 grams/liter and a TA of 8 grams/liter. 20ppm free sulfur.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 12.8%

LEGEND Tasting Notes: Lemon aspen (a spongy, floral native citrus) mouthfeel with a perfect tension of slight residual sugar and a firm, acidic backbone creating an overall dry sensation. 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: 300 dozen