



Stargazer 2021 Palisander Vineyard Riesling

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

Grape(s): Riesling

GI: Tasmania

Site(s): Palisander Vineyard, Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: The La Niña conditions over winter in 2020 delivered some solid rainfall during the winter months, with budburst commencing around normal in mid-September. Whilst cooler than average temperatures over the summer months had us anticipating a late vintage, some warmer weather in February and March, along with a couple of good rainfall events, spurred things along and we started pretty much on cue at the end of March.

Vineyard notes: This is the fourth release of riesling from the Palisander vineyard (purchased by Stargazer in 2016), located in the Tea Tree subregion of the Coal River Valley, twenty minutes northeast of Hobart. Planted in 2002, it is primarily brown dermosol on Jurassic dolerite, the plant material sourced from Moorilla at Berriedale. The vines are cane-pruned and trained to a VSP canopy, with green harvesting and shoot thinning in the spring and summer.

Winemaking: Hard-harvested on April 10 2021 at 11.9° baumé. The fruit was destemmed and left in contact with skins for about eight hours prior to gentle pressing. Wild-fermented in two ceramic eggs over a six-week period and then left on lees for close to ten months. Bottled on February 21, 2022. 3.13 pH, 6.0 g/L TA, .7 g/L residual sugar.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 12.7%

LEGEND tasting notes: Very pale yellow in color with green hints, the nose is floral and lifted, showing waxy white flowers, gardenias and jasmine, as well as savory notes of oyster shell and seaweed. Pink grapefruit and desert lime spiciness on the palate, with a hint of salty green native Kakadu plum and lemon curd. The acid provides structure, drive, and backbone to the palate: a lesson in linearity, tension, and energy.

Label design: Stargazer's varietal series depicts historic buildings or natural features of Tasmania. The 2020 Palisander shows the Blow Hole, a unique geological formation on the Tasman Peninsula in southeast Tasmania.

Production size: 130 dozen

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