

STARGAZER

riesling 2022



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

Grape(s): Riesling **GI:** Tasmania

Site(s): Single vineyard in Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: The La Niña conditions over winter in 2021 delivered some solid rainfall during the winter months, but especially through spring with October and November in some spots recording the highest spring rainfall on record. Whilst budburst commenced around normal in mid-September, the wet conditions slowed things down a little and flowering was particularly prolonged this year. Summer was dry and warm, but the slow start delayed vintage by about 10 days on average.

Vineyard notes: This is the seventh 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 11.5° and 11.9° 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; 10% was wild-fermented in old oak. The stainless-steel ferments were arrested in June and left on lees for close to two months, with battonage weekly. 2.92 pH, 8.5 g/L TA, 7.4 g/L residual sugar.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 11.8%

LEGEND tasting notes: Very pale yellow in color with green hints, the nose has notes of citrus, bergamot, and the trademark Tea Tree apple-skin character. 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 small touch of residual sugar and stony fleshiness.

Label design: Stargazer's varietal series depicts historic buildings or natural features of Tasmania. The 2020 shows Shot Tower on Brown's River Road, built in 1870. Based on a postcard from the Historic Trust of Tasmania.

Production size: 794 dozen