

STARGAZER

palisander riesling 2023



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Samantha Connew

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

Site(s): Palisander Vineyard, Coal River Valley

Vintage notes: The ongoing La Nina conditions of the last few years delivered some solid rainfall during the winter months, which continued through spring. Budburst was delayed until late September, and the wet conditions slowed things down considerably with flowering particularly prolonged, stretching through December. Canopy growth was vigorous when it started to warm up and meant lots of hours shoot thinning and leaf plucking to open up the canopy and reduce disease pressure. The start of the new year saw things fine up considerably; and January and February were dry and warm, continuing through autumn until a cold snap at Easter.

Vineyard notes: This is the sixth 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 18 2023 at 11.8° baumé. The fruit was destemmed and left in contact with skins for about twelve hours prior to gentle pressing. Wild-fermented over a five-week period in ceramic and concrete eggs, and then left on lees for close to ten months. Bottled on February 6, 2024. 3.04 pH, 7.4 g/L TA, 1.2 g/L RS.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 12.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: Very pale yellow in color with green hints, the nose is floral and lifted, showing waxy white flowers, gardenias and lemon balm, 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.

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

Production size: 130 dozen