

# Yalumba & Riesling

## Standing Out in a Sea of Riesling

First produced in, Germany, it has increasingly been remarked that Australia is one of only a few other countries in the world that give this variety the care and attention required to produce an outstanding wine.

Yalumba has the opportunity to source grapes from both the Barossa Valley and the world-renowned Riesling region of Eden Valley. The cooler climate of Eden Valley is perfect for producing delicate fragrant Rieslings of exceptional quality.



Yalumba offers two examples of its experience and knowledge with quality Riesling. These wines demonstrate the consistency of Yalumba Riesling and the benefits of accessing fruit from some of Australia's best known Riesling regions.

**Yalumba Y Series Riesling** - sourced from the Barossa Valley and Eden Valley, this wine is pale straw in colour with green hues. The nose shows classic varietal character with aromas of grapefruit and lemon peel and delicate blossom overtones. The palate is lively and refreshing with generous lemon and grapefruit flavours, and a hint of ripe tropical fruits on the finish.

**Yalumba Hand Picked Eden Valley Riesling** - the delicate and fresh flavours of this variety have been preserved by gentle processing of hand picked grapes, the use of only the clearest free-run juice, together with a cool, even fermentation. This Eden Valley Riesling has a delicate green hue and displays fragrant fruit characters and classic citrus overtones. The palate is clean and fresh with lovely lime/citrus character and a piquant crisp finish.



## Screwcap & Riesling

The benefits of screw cap have in recent years been widely recognised and reported by wine press, winemakers and sommeliers. These benefits are more apparent on aromatic wines, in particular Riesling, prompting the adoption of screw cap by many of the worlds leading Riesling producers.

Today, almost every Riesling produced in Australia is sealed with screw cap.

In both young and aged Riesling freshness is a vital character: leading to liveliness and sometimes zest in younger wines, and structure and length in older more developed wines. Along with the reduction of cork taint, retaining this freshness is another obvious benefit of screw cap on Rieslings.

With careful cellaring, Yalumba's premium Rieslings develop toast, honey and nutty characters, while the use of screw-cap also helps preserve the wines freshness and yet allow gentle ageing. These are delightful qualities, which should be encouraged where possible.

Both Yalumba Y Series Riesling and Yalumba Hand Picked Riesling are sealed with screw cap. They offer terrific current drinking and the potential to age extremely well with careful cellaring.



### Review of Yalumba Y Series Riesling 2004

4 Stars - "In Australian riesling, few makers have as much experience and know-how as Yalumba. The wines are absolutely spot-on when it comes to regional and varietal identity and they are usually very age-worthy, too. As evidence, a 1934 vintage I recently had the privilege of tasting was miraculously plump and lively. And it's not just the top wines that have the Yalumba Riesling cachet. This Y Series is reasonably priced, yet it has real class. The aromatic nose has delightful floral, spice and lime scents that are surprisingly delicate and fine. In the mouth, it is well-balanced, clean and dry, with fresh, citrus flavours and an appetising finish. Ageing? An each-way bet - zesty now but more complex in three or so years."

*Ralph Kyte-Powell, Epicure-The Age (AUS), 15 February, 2005*