



PEWSEY VALE VINEYARD

THE CONTOURS

RIESLING 2014

PEWSEY VALE VINEYARD THE CONTOURS IS CHARACTERISED BY A SPECIAL SITE, SENSITIVE VINE GROWING AND ASTUTE WINEMAKING. THE CONTOURS RIESLING IS PRODUCED FROM OLD VINES FARMED ON THE COOLEST SLOPE WITHIN THIS RUGGEDLY BEAUTIFUL SINGLE VINEYARD. BOTTLE AGEING FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE RELEASE TRANSFORMS THIS RIESLING INTO A COMPLEX WINE. MORE RICHNESS AND COMPLEXITY WILL ACCUMULATE OVER FUTURE DECADES.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

GOOD WINTER AND EARLY SPRING RAINS WERE FOLLOWED BY A WINDY SPRING, THIS COMBINED WITH UNSEASONAL FROST IN NOVEMBER REDUCED CROP LEVELS. LATE SPRING AND SUMMER WERE DRY AND WARM. ON VALENTINE'S DAY 150 MM OF RAIN FELL IN JUST OVER 24 HOURS. THIS AND THE FOLLOWING COOL WEATHER CAUSED RIPENING TO SLOW DOWN WITH VINTAGE CONTINUING AT A LEISURELY PACE WITH AVERAGE TEMPERATURES, PRODUCING WINES WITH INTENSE FLAVOUR AND SOME OF THE BEST NATURAL ACIDS WE HAVE SEEN.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

MID STRAW IN COLOUR WITH GREEN HUES. INTENSE CLASSIC LEMON FRUIT AROMAS WITH A HINT OF WHITE FLOWERS. BOTTLE AGED CHARACTERS OF TOAST, CLOVE OIL AND LEMONGRASS HAVE STARTED TO EMERGE. SHOWS GREAT LENGTH AND DEPTH WITH CONCENTRATED POWER, PRISTINE FRESH LIME JUICE OVERLAID WITH TOASTED BRIOCHE, SAGE OIL AND LIME MARMALADE. THE WINE FINISHES WITH FRESH, SOFT NATURAL ACIDITY. RELEASED LATE IN 2019 AFTER 5 YEARS OF BOTTLE AGE, BUT WILL GRACEFULLY CONTINUE TO AGE FOR MANY YEARS FOR THOSE WHO APPRECIATE BOTTLE AGED RIESLING.

TRY WITH DUCK BREAST AND FIVE SPICE GLAZE OR TOFU PAD THAI WITH FRESH LIME WEDGES.

HARVESTED 26TH & 27TH FEBRUARY
 REGION EDEN VALLEY
 WINEMAKER LOUISA ROSE
 ALC/VOL 13.0%

TOTAL ACID 7.1 G/L
 PH 3.12
 RESIDUAL SUGAR 0.7 G/L

