

Trevelen Farm

Riesling 2011

Vintage Description:

A dry winter and spring with one rainfall event in summer, provided enough water to finish the 2011 vintage. The dry summer weather supplied good vine growth. A lack of sub-soil moisture led to a slightly quicker ripening pattern with the vintage maturing earlier than usual; three weeks to a month for the whites, whilst the reds were picked at normal times as the weather cooled. The ability to sufficiently water enabled a very healthy canopy. However once ripening was well underway, the water was turned off and the vines quickly brought the fruit to ripeness. The ripening process was normal and no disease was evident, with the wine looking promising across both the red and white vintage.

Viticulture & Winemaking Information:

The 2011 Vintage was the eighth made for us by our new winemaker, James Kellie, (formerly of Howard Park, Denmark). The Trevelen Farm's practice is to pick grapes at optimum ripeness. Therefore, great care is taken at vintage time to ensure the pH levels are satisfactory, (and rising), with taste testing and frequent Be testing. We never wait specifically for high Be readings prior to picking, thus ensuring the finished product always shows freshness and vitality, (due to the appropriate level of acid present in the fruit). This wine was cold fermented in stainless steel and bottled early to retain aromatics.

Fruit Source: Trevelen Farm Estate, Great Southern Wine Region of Western Australia.

Wine Specifications: pH: 3.25 TA: 5.00 g/L

Alcohol: 12%

Residual Sugar: 1.5 g/L

Colour: Pale, light yellow straw.

Nose: Lifted and aromatic.

Palate: Spicy, zesty lime and lemon to the fore with a hint of mandarin, ending in a crisp, dry, citrus finish.

Cellaring potential: Will age well for many years as most Trevelen Farm Rieslings do.

Awards (So far):

Gold Medal 2011 International Riesling Challenge, Canberra ACT
Gold Medal 2012 Small Winemakers Show, Stanthorpe, Queensland
Silver Medal Perth Royal Wine Show 2011
Silver Medal 2012 Boutique Wine Awards
94/100 Rating 2012 James Halliday's Wine Companion

