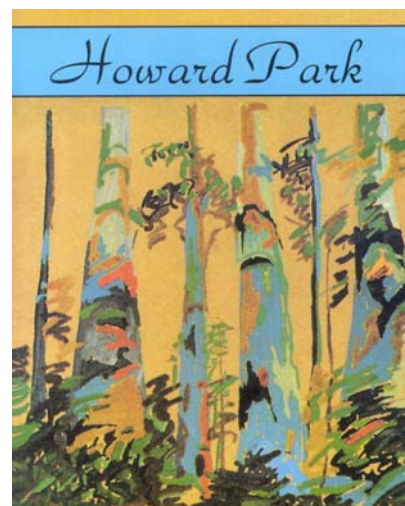


HOWARD PARK



FINE WINES
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

HOWARD PARK RIESLING 1997



RIESLING 1997

TECHNICAL NOTES

Howard Park Riesling is sourced from a very small area around Mt Barker in the Great Southern which produces Riesling of great character that has proven ability to benefit from long term cellaring. All Howard Park Rieslings are made from free run juice only. This represents the finest juice fraction of the grape with the most delicate aromatic compounds of both aroma and flavour; this juice portion also has the highest level of acidity and the lowest proportion of bitter, phenolic compounds. The juice is filtered prior to fermentation to remove as much of the solid grape material as possible and ensure the cleanest ferment. Fermentation is facilitated by neutral yeast with low flavour characteristics to ensure that it is the flavour of the fruit that comes through to the resultant wine. Low fermentation temperature (around 12 - 13°C) ensures that the delicate aromas and flavours are not lost to the fermentation process.

All Howard Park Rieslings are fermented to complete dryness with minimal residual sugar producing the fresh, long-living style for which Howard Park is known. The wine is clarified immediately at completion of fermentation in order to prevent any leesy, bready characters developing. The wine very rarely requires acid addition.

TASTING NOTES

The 1997 is one of the finest Howard Park Rieslings and remains remarkably fresh and young for its age and shows all the riesling attributes in abundance. The wine is gently emerging to show some secondary aged characteristics, hints of buttered toast, nutty nuances and increased palate weight. The wine is in that cross-over stage in which primary freshness and crispness is no longer the main attribute but secondary complexity is yet to fully develop. This wine should be left alone for a couple more years to allow more secondary characteristics to develop.

VARIETY

1997 Riesling

REGION

100% Mt Barker

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