



HOWARD PARK
WINES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2012 HOWARD PARK RIESLING MUSEUM RELEASE

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The Riesling is one of two wines Howard Park has been making since we began in 1986. Since then it has grown to become one of the most collected Rieslings in Australia. This museum release is the same as the original 2012 Howard Park Riesling release. We appreciate that it is often difficult to store & drink aged wines so each year we have held a portion of this wine in our warehouse in ideal conditions to demonstrate the complexity that this variety offers over time.

VINTAGE

The 2012 growing season in the south west of Western Australia was favourable for the production of great wine.

The Mount Barker and Porongurup regions experienced warm to hot conditions throughout the entire vintage period. Hot spells in March intensified the effect of little spring and summer rain. Soil moisture remained low and only the cooler south facing vineyard sites received some reprieve off the southern ocean. This relief was limited as the seasonal onshore streams that deliver cooler conditions across the region, were weaker than normal.

The above average warm and dry conditions did accelerate ripeness and allowed all varieties to be harvested early.

2012 has delivered Riesling with ripe fruit flavours and a mineral, linear acidity.

TECHNICAL NOTES

The fruit upon arrival at the winery was immediately processed to ensure the highest quality juice. Only free run juice, which is tighter and more finely structured as it has no phenolic character, is used for this wine.

The highest quality batches earmarked for our top Rieslings showed intense aromatics, fine elegant fruit and great length. These select batches were cool fermented in stainless steel tanks to maintain the delicate fruit flavours.

Extensive, some say excessive, blending trials were carried out to produce a wine that is very elegant but still very powerful.

TASTING NOTES

After 4 years in the cellar, the 2012 Howard Park Riesling has reached a stage where the exuberance of youth is beginning to yield. The bouquet's zesty citrus aromas are embellished with notes of fresh nougat, nutmeal, meringue and preserved lemon. The tension of the palate has consented to a breadth of flavour that is rich and layered. Whilst now defined by a greater depth and complexity of flavour, the palate remains guided by a fine, linear acidity and stone - like minerality.

This wine retains great intensity, richness, varietal definition and lasting flavour.

Date tasted: May 2016

CELLARING

The purity and quality of the 2012 Howard Park Riesling has allowed the wine to transition well from the vitality of youth to an expressive and enriched wine. With continued cellaring, greater complexity and reward is sure to follow. Cellar and enjoy for another 10 years.



Variety:

100% RIESLING

Region:

80% MOUNT BARKER
20% PORONGURUP

Technical Data:

ALCOHOL: 12.0%V/V

PH: 3.04

ACIDITY: 7.9 G/LT

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.3 G/LT

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