

WINE NAME	Cossack Riesling
RANGE	Orchid
VINTAGE	2023
WINE STYLE	Light-bodied white wine.
GRAPE VARIETY	100% Riesling
GROWING REGION	Frankland River - Ferngrove Estate Block 28
TECHNICAL DETAILS	Alc 12.0% pH 2.91 TA 7.5 g/L RS 1.07g/L
APPEARANCE	Bright pale gold with hints of green.
NOSE	Classic bouquet of lifted citrus, jasmine florals and lime zest.
PALATE	Steely and minerally, this is a classic Great Southern Riesling. Characteristics of cumquat, apple blossom and citrus. A vibrant, textural palate and firm acidity leads to a lingering mineral finish.
VINTAGE 2023	A cool, dry growing season resulted in a slow ripening year and a late start to harvest. At the end of September rainfall was 80mm short of average and water holdings were 62% of capacity. A wet October helped maintain soil moisture levels as vines moved closer to flowering. This rain, low air temperatures at flowering and an extended dry period through summer followed by an unusually cool autumn delayed ripening. This allowed the fruit to ripen and accumulate flavours slowly. The fruit from this vintage has a high natural acidity with freshness and vibrancy. These conditions led to Block 28 Riesling being a standout from this vintage.
VINIFICATION	Block 28 was one of the first blocks planted when the initial Ferngrove vineyard was established. This is a North-South facing block and highlights that the right variety, grown on the right site, with careful management will consistently produce high quality fruit from vintage to vintage. Shade cloth is utilised to protect the fruit from sun damage. Specific rows are selected to be harvested, where the fruit has exceptional purity and elegance. The grapes are harvested early in the morning when they are at their coolest. The juice is then gently separated from the skins, clarified and slowly fermented with careful temperature control. The wine is then bottled young to ensure the freshness of the fruit is captured.
CELLARING	8 - 10 years.
FOOD	Thai Fish Curry
AWARDS	TROPHY - Best White Wine Southern Forests & Valleys Wine Show 2023 TROPHY - Best Riesling Southern Forests & Valleys Wine Show 2023 Gold - Southern Forests & Valleys Wine Show 2023

