

# Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Generation Series



## 2023 Mr. Riggs Ein Riese Riesling

The old and the new, the past and the future, this Generation Series captures my approach to selecting and making the wines I love.

Cheers,

### History

None excites Ben more than old-world style Riesling. In this vein, we continue the seventeenth vintage of his silky-smooth Adelaide Hills gem 'Ein Riese'. German for 'a giant', and a perfect name for a giant, German style Riesling, don't you think? Whatever you decide, Mr. Riggs will be really happy if you take pleasure from his rendition, old-world German Style Riesling. Perhaps his favourite creation; crisp, sweet, and fresh.

### Vineyard

Sourced from a 22-year-old vineyard in Woodside in the cool climate Adelaide Hills, which sits at 358m above sea level and is a much cooler site than McLaren Vale. The mesoclimate is suited to producing premium fine wine as the cool temperatures promote late budburst and long, slow ripening.

The Onkaparinga River runs through the vineyard in its eastern aspect. The soil is predominately brown podzolic clay over quartz subsoils and heavy rock. The vineyard spans 4.94 acres, and the Riesling clones planted are 'Mosel' and 'Eden Valley'.

### Wine

Made as an off-dry German Style Riesling, the grapes were handpicked and whole bunch pressed. The grapes were harvested early to ensure that the resultant juice was low in phenolics. The juice was cold-settled though left a little cloudy - this left some solids for the fermentation process to enhance complexity and texture. Fermentation was continued until a perfect balance between alcohol, acid, sugar, and flavour was reached, at which point the wine was chilled to halt fermentation. After clarifying, the wine was bottled and released.

A delicate nose with floral notes and citrus blossom, with an entrancing combination of sweetness, crispiness, and tang on the palate. This wine is finely balanced through natural acidity and is Ben's tribute to the wine style he most admires.

### Technical Details

pH:	2.93
TA:	8.6 g/L
Alc/Vol:	11%
Bottling date:	12th July 2023
Production:	500 cases
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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