

2023 Shy Susan Riesling

"Shy Susan (Tetratheca gunnii) is a critically endangered Australian wildflower. Her survival depends completely on a little native bee, who alone is capable of pollination. Their fate is forever entwined".

After working with Tasmanian fruit for nearly two decades Glenn James with his wife, Jo Marsh began crafting wines under their newly created Shy Susan label in 2015. The couple lived in Porepunkah in the Alpine Valleys region and Glenn commuted to Tasmania weekly for his role as Chief Winemaker at Winemaking Tasmania. When Jo fell pregnant in late 2019 Glenn made the decision to leave his role and work fulltime with Jo in the Alpine Valleys. Having many years to experience the quality of fruit the Alpine Valleys had to offer they decided to continue the Shy Susan brand with local fruit. Select small parcels of fruit are crafted to reflect variety, vineyard and the stylistic approach forged from Glenn's skill and experience.

The Whitlands High Plateau is located on the Western side of the King Valley in North-East Victoria and is officially part of the King Valley GI. The plateau is unique in its elevation, rainfall and climate. Bracingly cool compared to the warmer valley floors of the King Valley, the Whitlands is genuinely cold, resulting in a long ripening period perfect for producing Riesling with great natural acidity, layers of flavour and undeniable presence. Sourced from Kevin Croucher, the vineyard was planted in the early 1990's and is 780m above sea level.

Vintage Snapshot

Clear days and cool nights through ripening resulted in striking balance and lovely varietal purity.

Production Notes

Hand-picked, the fruit was lightly crushed before gentle pressing to tank, with pressings included for structure and flavour. After racking off juice solids the juice was inoculated with our own blend of selected strains to complete fermentation. Once complete a period maturation on the yeast lees in a combination of old oak and stainless steel allowed the wine to further develop texture.

Tasting Note

Unadulterated aromas of lemon, lime and "granny smith" apple entangled with hints of white florals. This wine has presence. Tones of grapefruit and lime are teamed with a textural component delivering a complex and weighted palate. Clean-cut acidity drives home a crisp and energetic finish.

Optimal Drink Window – now to 2044 (at least). This wine is structured to age. Watch it develop if you can hold onto it.

Technical details

Vineyard:	Croucher Vineyard, Whitlands
Region:	Whitlands, King Valley
Alcohol:	11.5%
Volume made:	45 dozen
RRP:	\$40
Winemakers:	Glenn James & Jo Marsh

