

THORN·CLARKE

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## SANDPIPER RIESLING

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.



<b>VINTAGE</b>	2011	<b>REGION</b>	Eden Valley
<b>HARVESTED</b>	April 2011	<b>BOTTLED</b>	July 2011
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	12%		

### WINEMAKERS NOTE

The wine is very pale straw with a green tinge. The nose has lifted floral, lime and Granny Smith apples with nectarine and musk also evident. The palate is medium bodied with rich delicious apples and a distinctive Eden Valley minerality. This flavour combines magnificently with the zingy freshness provided by the good acid balance to give this wine great line and length.

### VINTAGE

This vintage had a cool, slow ripening period which has in turn produced superb white wines.

### WINEMAKING

Crushed, de-stemmed and then pressed using a membrane press. Pressings were not used and ferment commenced using French yeast at 12-15 degrees celcius. The ferment was kept slow and cool to retain all the natural flavours and aromatic qualities. The wine was racked, filtered and then bottled soon afterwards so the wine was a true expression of the grape/terroir from which it was made.

