

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>	2012	<b>REGION</b>	Eden Valley
<b>HARVESTED</b>	April 2012	<b>BOTTLED</b>	July 2012
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	12%		

### WINEMAKERS NOTE

The nose is bright and lifted with lime juice, perfumed floral notes and honeysuckle characters. The palate is crisp, clean with vibrant, zingy lemon zest flavours combined with a hint of lime leaf. There is a lovely crisp and clean mouthfeel, balanced with citrus fruits and natural acidity.

### VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage was preceded by a cool summer and above average rainfall during the winter months. Excellent picking conditions for the Mount Crawford white wines produced fine and delicate flavours typical of the Eden Valley. The mild conditions ensured the reds could be harvested during the night and early morning without heat compromising quality.

Several warmer weeks in January and February ensured the reds developed excellent colour and fruit character whilst maintaining good acid structure and overall balance. Vintage 2012 was a 'light' year with yields of both reds and whites 20-30% below what would normally be expected.

### 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.