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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.



VINTAGE	2010	REGION	Eden Valley
HARVESTED	April 2010	BOTTLED	June 2010
ALCOHOL	12.5%		

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The wine is pale straw in colour. 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 good mouthfeel, balanced with citrus fruits and natural acidity.

VINTAGE

The 2010 vintage followed good winter rainfall in 2009 and allowed vineyards to commence the 2010 season with good soil moisture levels. This soil moisture, combined with moderate weather conditions throughout most of the growing season allowed for good fruit set and canopy development. In summary an excellent vintage, with very little extreme weather resulting in fantastic colour and flavour in red varieties, and excellent acid and flavour profiles for whites.

WINEMAKING

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

