

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	2014	REGION	Eden Valley
HARVESTED	March 2014	BOTTLED	July 2014
ALCOHOL	12%	VINEYARD	Mt Crawford

WINEMAKERS NOTE

The colour is pale straw with a green hue on release. The aroma is fresh lifted lemon with floral bath salt like tones. Bright ripe lemon fruit characters dominate the palate and crisp minerally acid forms the backbone of the wine. The palate has good fruit weight balanced by natural acidity. The wine has a refreshingly clean finish with long acid persistence. This wine can be enjoyed young and fresh or carefully cellared for up to and possibly beyond 2020 to show delicious aged Riesling characters.

VINTAGE

Spring rainfall was well below average with several days reaching 30°C. The growing season had even temperatures and little rainfall.

Ripening was slow and steady leading to the development of good floral characters and the fruit retaining its natural acidity.

Harvest occurred in the third week of March (within two days of the 2013 harvest date).

WINEMAKING

Harvest was carried out at night. The fruit was pressed (using an airbag press) within an hour of harvest. Care was taken not to lose the delicate Riesling aromas and flavour pre-cursors in the juice. After settling, the juice was warmed and inoculated with a neutral yeast selected for its ability to respect the purity of Riesling.

Post fermentation the wine was stabilised, minimally fined, filtered then bottled.