

## Tasting Notes

Made from very low yielding vines; **cordon pruned** and **hand-picked in early Autumn** long after the general Bethany harvest. This elegant late harvest Riesling is complex and displays wonderful concentrated passionfruit characters on the nose with spiced pear and cinnamon on the palate.

Try with soft creamy cheeses, pate or apple crumble brulee.

## Vineyard Notes

The Riesling grapes are sourced from our Schrapel family vineyards planted on the contours below the Bethany Cellar Door. The **vines are 40 years old**, and are hand pruned to a bud count of 50 buds per vine to limit yields, typically 2.5 tonne/ha. Two weeks prior to harvest, the fruiting canes or cordons are hand pruned to sever the cordons from the mother vine. The grapes dehydrate in the sun to be picked 2 weeks later.

The **fruit appearance is raisin in colour** being reduced to half the normal berry size, 'drawing' some of the sap from the cordon to equalise moisture levels.

## Vintage Report

This year's vintage will be remembered as one of the shortest and fastest we have experienced in years. In spring, near perfect, mild ripening conditions continued through to December/January with below average temperatures.

In the second week of January, Bethany Wines recorded 47mm of rainfall at our Barossa Ranges vineyards replenishing soil moisture and setting up the vines for perfect ripening conditions. The warmer weather in February accelerated ripening with vintage starting at on 31st January. Ripening nearly one month earlier than usual, we finished hand picking the last fruit by end of March.

## Winemaking Report

Traditional Australian dessert style table wine. This wine only receives minimal skin contact with light and gentle processing to separate the juice. This is followed by a slow, cool ferment with selected yeasts for a higher sugar ferment and to preserve varietal fruit aromatics. The result is a sweet dessert style, luscious but balanced by acidity.

## Reviews

New vintage

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## Select Late Harvest Riesling 2016

### Region

Barossa

### Blend

100% Riesling

### Acidity

4.10 g/L

### Alcohol/Volume

9.0%

### Residual Sugar

81.5 g/L

### Wine Maker

Geoff and Robert Schrapel

