



# T A L I S M A N

## 2023 RIESLING

### FERGUSON VALLEY

Stretched across undulating hill faces, and hugged by the Wellington National Park, lay the lines of these celebrated varieties to become fine wines.

It was John Gladstone's 1965 industry-renowned paper titled The Climate and Soils of South Western Australia in Relation to Vinegrowing that first inspired Kim to look at the Ferguson Valley in the early 1990's.

The predictable rainfall, Mediterranean climate, stable growing season and consistent seasons make for world class growing conditions, that are carefully crafted to build the complexity of flavour that Talisman is renowned for.

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### TASTING NOTES

This lovely Riesling is still in its youthful stage. Primary fresh characters are of citrus rind and pot pourri. Hints of lavender soap, marmalade, barley sugar and kaffir lime leaf fill out the background. The palate has freshness and vitality. Structured to develop and improve for many years. It is fine yet has an inherent richness that is mouthfilling, cleansing and juicy. There are so many delicious flavours and nuances here. There is citrus peel, barley sugar, chamomile tea, lime juice, ginger and a myriad of other tastes that linger and are highlighted by the preserved lemon style acidity.

### VITICULTURE NOTES

A cool season allowed for incredibly full flavour development, and retention of high natural acid across the board. As a result, our golden children - the Riesling and Chardonnay, are exceptional. This colder season saw our red varieties develop a little slower than usual, so colour and tannin are more intense this vintage. We expect the reds will be even more age worthy.

### WINEMAKING NOTES

The grapes for this wine were sourced from our Ferguson Valley home vineyard. Only the finest, more pristine, free run juice was used in the production of this wine resulting in a palate of outstanding finesse, free from the harsh, phenolic characters and deeper colours associated with grape pressings. A long, cool ferment in stainless steel tanks, minimal fining and the use of screw caps are all further steps towards capturing the inherent delicacy of this cool climate variety.

### QUICK NOTES

Vintage: 2023  
Winemaker: Peter Stanlake  
Grape Variety: 100% Riesling  
Vineyard: Talisman Wines  
Growing Area: Ferguson Valley, Western Australia  
Harvest: March 2023  
Alc %/Vol: 12.1%  
pH 3.14

Cellar: 10+ years

