



HOWARD PARK

ESTABLISHED 1986

## 2014 MOUNT BARKER RIESLING

### MUSEUM RELEASE

From its beginnings in 1986, Howard Park has made Riesling from the Great Southern wine region of Western Australia. Since then, our Riesling has grown to become one of the most collected Rieslings in Australia. To experience the complexity Riesling offers over time, we cellar a portion of this wine under ideal conditions, then release our Museum wine after 5 years.

Riesling is demanding, sensitive yet tough enough to thrive in the vagaries of this cool climate. Wines made of Riesling grapes are exceptionally revealing and critical of the environment in which they grow and the human interactions engaged to create them.

### TASTING NOTES

ORIGINAL RELEASE NOTE (tasted 2015)

Crystalline, pale lime yellow in colour with intense and lifted aromas of freshly zested lemon/lime citrus. The palate is full of fresh citrus, nashi pear and green skin apple flavours that give depth and richness. Whilst defined by these rich fruit flavours, the palate is guided by a fine, mineral and citrus acidity that adds length and finish to the wine. This wine has great intensity, richness, definition and length of flavour.

RE-RELEASE NOTE (tasted 2021)

The colour has deepened but still retains a greenish tinge. The aromatics are more subdued initially, gradually revealing lemon sherbert, pear skin, riverbank stones and fresh Brazil nuts. The wine has integrated its youthful acidity and gained appealing textural richness, while maintaining great focus, purity, mineral drive and length through the palate. There are still many years ahead for more secondary flavours to evolve and delight, while this Riesling embraces its unmistakable Great Southern identity.

### VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season in the south west of Western Australia was favourable for the production of great wine.

The Mount Barker and Porongurup regions experienced warm to hot conditions throughout the entire vintage period. Hot spells in March intensified the effect of little spring and summer rain. Soil moisture remained low and only the cooler south facing vineyard sites received some reprieve off the Southern Ocean. This relief was limited as the seasonal onshore streams that deliver cooler conditions across the region, were weaker than normal. The warm and dry conditions ensured ripeness was achieved in all varieties.

2014 has delivered Riesling with ripe fruit flavours and a mineral, linear acidity.

### VINEYARDS

The Mount Barker Riesling is an annual blend of the finest cut of free juice from select vineyards in the Mt. Barker and Porongurup subregions of the Great Southern. The cool sites on our Mt Barrow vineyard dominate the blend. This vineyard is planted on a south facing ridge-top with an elevation of between 285m to 370m.

### WINEMAKING

Each vineyard block is vinified separately in stainless steel tanks. After settling bright, the free run juice is racked before a long and cold fermentation to preserve regional character and delicate fruit flavours. Blending occurs in June of the vintage year, with the objective of showcasing the typicity of each site in the final wine.



**Variety:**  
Riesling

**Region:**  
Mount Barker

**Cellaring:**  
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**Analysis:**  
Alcohol: 12% v/v  
pH: 3.0  
Acidity: 8.59 g/l  
Residual Sugar: 0.6 g/l