



Taste the Grape: Riesling

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INTRODUCTION

Embark on a global Riesling adventure with our Taste the Grape sampling case – discover two classic Rieslings from their home in the Mosel alongside a vibrant Alsatian cuvée, then onto three superb examples from across the New World. From fine-boned racy Rieslings, through fuller styles to a captivating and moreish medium-sweet gem, each bottle showcasing Riesling's chameleon-like versatility. Perfect for curious palates seeking white-wine excitement.

Riesling (pronounced Reece-ling not Rise-ling) vies with Chardonnay as the source of the greatest white wines in the world. Germany, in particular, produces sublime white wines in all styles from the very dry to super sweet.

Some unfairly dismiss it as being too sweet, but the Germans, in particular, are making superb quality Trocken (or dry) wines. The wines have enormous potential to age. Unsurprisingly, it also does well in Austria and (just over the border,) in Alsace in France, where the wines tend to be drier.

In the New World, Riesling is mostly grown in Australia with some excellent examples from the Clare Valley and Eden Valley where it produces dry, lime-scented wines that develop a 'petrolly' aroma with age. New Zealand is another country it does well in, favouring the cooler climate.

THE WINES

I. Piesporter Riesling Trocken, Hain, Mosel, Germany

Bin No: GW185

If you like the idea of German Riesling but are put off by sweetness, then this is a great place to start. Creamy, with pure yellow fruit flavours and a refreshing streak of appley acidity.

2. Erdener Treppchen Riesling Spätlese, Meulenhof, Mosel, Germany

Bin No: GW078

Orange peel and honey on the nose show the fruit, giving a wave of apricot and mango richness. There is a wonderful freshness to the finish with grapefruit and greengage citrus precision.

3. Dopff & Irion Riesling, Cuvée René Dopff, Alsace, France

Bin No: JW912

A wonderful aroma of green apples and vine flowers on the nose with a hint of petrol in the background. The palate is fresh and racy with citrus fruit joining the apples and floral character of the nose.

4. Barry & Sons Riesling, Jim Barry, Clare Valley, Australia

Bin No: AW094

The Barrys have amassed one of the largest family holdings in Australia's Clare Valley, which is particularly good Riesling country. Whiffs of lime and citrus and a zesty mineral palate to drink now or would equally reward patience.

5. Paul Cluver Estate Riesling, Elgin, South Africa

Bin No: KW043

Attractive blossom nose with well-balanced citrus fruit on the palate, from a South African quality producer of sustainable wines in the cooler climate of Elgin.

6. Greenhough 'Apple Valley' Riesling, Nelson, New Zealand

Bin No: NW097

Very pretty, very fresh, this is one of the most delightful Rieslings you are likely to taste outside Germany's Mosel Valley. In an unashamedly fruity style, it's light in alcohol, has residual sugar and is all the more delicious for it.

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