



## 2011 FRISK PRICKLY RIESLING

REGION: Alpine & King Valleys, Victoria  
VARIETALS: Riesling (89%), Muscat Gordo (11%)  
FERMENTATION: Stainless steel  
ANALYSIS: 9.8% alc/vol | 3.6% RS | 3.21 pH | 6.43 TA

### WINEMAKING:

Made by a team of maverick winemakers hailing from Victoria's far corners, Frisk is crafted by seasoned hands. Harvested in the chilly eve, prized free-run Riesling juice is fermented with canny yeasts that ensure the wine is sporting plenty of aromatic verve. And the prickle? A gentle spritz courtesy of those clever yeasts, captured to deliver a palate-rousing tickle.

### REGION:

Nestled into the foothills of the Victorian Alps, the Alpine Valleys harbor a handful of dogged grape growers whose ancestors arrived in the 1850's after a less-than-comfortable boat trip from Italy. With lofty slopes climbing to 2000 feet, vineyards are snow clad in winter and punch through clouds to nab a slice of sunshine in summer. The vines here greedily nosh ancient deposits of granite-based loam to produce flinty, minerally wines.

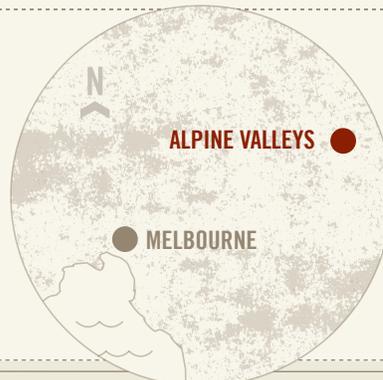
### TASTING NOTES:

It's normally pretty darned cool in the Alpine Valleys, but 2011 took the mercury to new lows. Grapes were harvested up to 4 weeks later than usual, and yields were particularly low - near ideal conditions for our cold-lovin' Riesling fruit! You'll see intoxicating floral aromatics and vivacious citrus fruits, with great persistence and concentration of flavor. Racy and versatile, it'll pair perfectly with sweet and spicy dishes alike.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Wine Spectator, 87 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 86 pts/Best Buy Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT THAT NAME... At one of the blending sessions, a cellar hand wanted to taste the wines 'blind'. Not being able to cover the labels, he made a makeshift blindfold from a lab cloth and told his colleague to pour the wines into a few glasses. Reaching for the wine glasses he inadvertently 'frisked' them to make sure he had a firm grip (a point duly noted by his co-workers in snickering tones) and then proceeded to tell all and sundry that he got a kick out of the 'prickle' of the wine as he swallowed. And so for a wine that is indeed fresh, frisky and just a touch prickly, it's quite an apt name. Need we say more?



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