

2018 JASPER HILL

GEORGIA'S PADDOCK RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Ron Laughton
REGION: Heathcote, Victoria
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ALCOHOL: 12.0% alc/vol

WINEMAKING: Georgia's Paddock is an un-irrigated, organic vineyard yielding about one ton per acre of Riesling. Each bunch is quite exposed to the sun, which aids in the development of color and phenols in the tough skins, resulting in a powerful wine in the citrus - lime/lemon/grapefruit spectrum. The grapes are harvested by hand and fully de-stemmed before being gently pressed in an oxygen rich environment. The juice undergoes three or four days of cold settling and is then racked off solids and allowed to naturally warm until spontaneous indigenous yeast fermentation kicks off. The wine is fermented relatively warm through to dryness then cold stabilized and bottled. Like all of Jasper Hill's wines, the minimal interventionist approach allows more of the terroir to shine through rather than winemakers artefact. Normal production is only 250 dozen.

TASTING NOTES: Completely dry as usual, with the normal voluminous citric nose of lemon and lime, even lemon meringue pie this time, very fragrant with pure, refreshing acidity in abundance and an extremely long finish. Wow!

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 94 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 89 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

ABOUT JASPER HILL: Established in 1975 by Ron and Elva Laughton, Jasper Hill produces some of Australia's most individual and compelling Shirazes. Situated in the Heathcote region of Central Victoria, the estate has been largely responsible for establishing this area as one of Australia's greatest red wine regions. The 60 acre property comprises three vineyards, two of which are named after Ron and Elva's daughters, Emily and Georgia; all are positioned on ancient Cambrian soils unique to this area. Beyond these exceptional sites, it is the Laughtons' commitment to low yields, dry farming and non-interventionist, biodynamic viticultural practices that place Jasper Hill among Australia's premier producers.

