“Australian Riesling reinforces its status on the World Stage”
And only 2 International Riesling trophies … both of which are coming to Australia!

Winning an international trophy is the ultimate accolade at the Decanter World Wine Awards.

At the Awards Ceremony in London, 4th September, Yalumba and Pewsey Vale Vineyard came away with top honours, in the under £10 category and the over £10 category respectively.

First up with Best International Riesling under £10 was the Yalumba Y Series Riesling 2006 where host and Editor Guy Woodward commented that “nothing else even came close”. The judges described the wine as ‘Floral. Limey fruit with some green apple and pear. Lean, taught and focused …’

Second in line was the hotly contested Trophy for Best International Riesling over £10, which was tasted against fellow Regional trophy winners FE Trimbach Trimach Riesling Cuvée Frédéric Emile, Ribeauville Alsace 2001 and FX Pichler, Riesling Smaragd Dürnsteiner Kellerberg, Austria. The winner was our cool climate hero, Pewsey Vale ‘The Contours’ Eden Valley Riesling 2001, which this year celebrates 160 years of winemaking, established in Eden Valley in 1847. The judges wrote, ‘Classic. toasty and developed. An outstanding wine of great complexity and balance. A must for anyone’s cellar.’

Pewsey Vale ‘The Contours’ being awarded Best International Riesling is a strong independent endorsement. This truly demonstrates our capacity to produce wines of the highest quality for wine drinkers world-wide. Both Yalumba and Pewsey Vale are perfect examples that in Australia we can produce wines that cater to all segments of the premium wine market.

The inherent quality of this beautiful vineyard is a reflection of many things – Old vines (~45 years of age) altitude (up to 500 metres above sea level) and low fertility soils. Not released before 5 years in the bottle, the 2001 is only just showing the first signs of bottle age indicating a long future for those lucky enough to have the wine in their cellar.

Of the Yalumba Y Series Riesling, we couldn’t have planned for a more perfect white wine vintage, after a lovely wet spring and early summer, the vines were healthy and strong. Fruit was sourced from both Eden Valley and Barossa Valley and the quick, clean vintage produced this gorgeous white wine. Such an award only strengthens our commitment to ‘over deliver’ in every aspect with the Y Series wines.

To qualify as the top Riesling in the Australian category was a notable achievement – but to top the class against leading Riesling producers from the rest of the world is something of which we are incredibly proud and testament to the talented Eden Valley winemaking and viticultural crew.

10th September 2007

Pewsey Vale ‘The Contours’
Eden Valley Riesling 2001
Best International
Riesling over £10

Yalumba ‘Y Series’
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