

Traditionale Riesling

2022



90 POINTS

The Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2022

October 2022

95 POINTS & 5 STARS

Aaron Brasher | Cellar Talk

February 2023

Lovely, fragrant aromas of lemon, lime, bath salts, white flowers and feijoa. The palate has a real lushness of flavour—citrus, just-ripe stone fruit, lemon pith and talc. The acidity has a lively purity and drive and the length is really impressive. An outstanding wine and top value.

93 POINTS

Mike Bennie | Halliday Wine Companion

March 2023

You could rationalise that Pikes' Traditionale Riesling is a bellwether wine that gives drinkers a good indication of what to expect from Clare riesling each year. At times unnervingly reliable. The '22 is good gear – juicy, bright, zingy with acidity, ticklish and brisk in acid profile with juicy green apple and pink grapefruit fruitiness set around skittish, laser-like tang. Scents are good too, with floral, citrus blossom and jasmine and whiffs of lime and grapefruit again in the mix. It finds a good balance between fruitiness, refreshment factor and tension, too. A great drink right here.

5 STARS & 95 POINTS

Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

May 2023

Beautifully fine and elegant, the wine shows lemon zest, crunchy apple and jasmine aromas on the nose, followed by a brilliantly focused palate delivering pristine fruit flavours with racy acidity. It's mouth-watering and lingering with excellent fruit purity. At its best: 2025 to 2037.

94 POINTS

Karen MacNeil | WineSpeed

July 2023

Imagine the dead-hottest evening of summer. You feel like a limp dishrag. And then you drink a glass of this. It's like someone just plunged you into an icy pool of mandarin orange, cucumber, and cantaloupe, with starbursts of snappy minerals ricocheting around in the glass. Man, does this Riesling over-deliver! Boney Riesling is an Australian specialty, although the country still doesn't get enough credit for it. Two of the greatest regions for Australian Riesling are the cool Clare and Eden Valleys in the state of South Australia, where the top wines—like this Pikes—are vibrant and kinetically alive. If you love Riesling, this is for you. And if you don't think you love Riesling, this is absolutely for you.