

# THORN-CLARKE

## EDEN VALLEY SANDPIPER

RIESLING

2022



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### The Brand

The Sandpiper range is named after the migratory bird which visits the Thorn-Clarke vineyards annually from the northern hemisphere - something of a reminder of the tenacity and commitment which is required for long term viticulture.

### Winemakers Note

Vibrant pale straw in colour with brilliant green highlights. Lively citrus, perfumed florals and gentle talc aromas jump from the glass, showing true Eden Valley characters. Fresh cut lime, fragrant lemongrass and a fine minerality are highlights of the palate, which also has a beautiful, long acid drive. The result is finely balanced wine with precision, perfume, and a delicious core of mouth-watering fruit.

### Vintage

Vintage 2022 will be remembered as is one of the longest seasons for decades, with crushing at Thorn-Clarke starting mid-February and finishing in May. The very mild temperatures along with dry conditions led to a long growing season, without any weather events to force us to pick early or delay picking. Grapes ripened at a very even pace, allowing for lots of flavour and structure to accumulate in the berries. For white varieties this means a beautiful balance of aromatics and flavours with naturally balanced acidity, minerality and freshness.

### Winemaking

Harvest was carried out at night. The fruit was pressed (using an airbag press) within an hour of harvest. Care was taken not to lose the delicate Riesling aromas and flavour pre-cursors in the juice. After settling, the juice was warmed and inoculated with a neutral yeast selected for its ability to respect the purity of Riesling. Post fermentation the wine was stabilised, minimally fined, filtered then bottled.

**Alcohol** - 11.0%    **Winemaker** - Peter Kelly

**Vineyards** - Mount Crawford

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