2013 FRISK PRICKLY RIESLING

REGION: Victoria
VARIETALS: 100% Riesling
FERMENTATION: Stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 9.5% alc/vol | 3.3% RS | 3.11 pH | 6.28 TA

WINEMAKING:

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 1850s after a less-than-comfortable boat trip from Italy. With lofty slopes climbing to 2000 feet, vineyards are snow clad in winter. The vines here greedily nosh ancient deposits of granite-based loam to produce flinty, minerally wines.

TASTING NOTES:

This zippy Riesling is floral and weighted, with notes of lime sorbet, rose petals and a hint of fennel. With its racy verve, subtle complexity and just a tinge of sweetness, it's a perfect companion for both sweet and spicy dishes...or simply on its own. Refreshingly complex on the palate, it will make you wonder how you emptied your glass so quickly – and have you reaching for another.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

NOT YET REVIEWED. 2012 – **88 PTS** INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

ABOUT FRISK...

Frisk's eclectic team of winemakers located high in the Alpine Valleys of Australia believe wine is for enjoying. Period. Full stop. They don't try to baffle you with terms you've never heard of or flavors that have no business in a bottle of wine. They make delicious wine with a unique prickle to it. If it tastes a bit like nectarines, they'll tell you "this tastes a bit like nectarines." If it tastes a little like limes, or minerals? That's what they'll say. Frisk wines are grown in decidedly different climes. Places a little cooler, steeper, and more obscure than the places one would expect winemakers go, because Frisk's Brilliantly Conceived Master Plan consists of Being Where The Grapes Grow Best and making wines that reflect that.