









FRISK PRICKLY RIESLING 2010

R E G I O N : Alpine Valleys, Victoria V A R I E T A L S : Riesling (89%), Muscat Gordo (11%) F E R M E N T A T I O N : Stainless steel A L C O H O L : 9.5% alc/vol R E S I D U A L S U G A R : 4%

WINEMAKING:

Made by a team of maverick winemakers hailing from Victoria's far corners, Frisk is crafted by seasoned hands. 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 1850's after a less-than-comfortable boat trip from Italy. With lofty slopes climbing to 2000 feet, vineyards are snow clad in winter and punch through clouds to nab a slice of sunshine in summer. The vines here greedily nosh ancient deposits of granite-based loam to produce flinty, minerally wines.

TASTING NOTES:

It's a mouth-revving, lively Riesling that's light on its feet. You may detect notes of lemon sorbet, bath salts and white lilies layered with spices from your favorite childhood pie shop... guess that depends on your childhood. But you can't deny its raciness and versatility, sidling up suggestively to food that's both sweet and spicy. Its intensity will slap you in the face, the oodles of length will have you scrambling for more.

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