

riesling

- 2005** **91** **JAMES HALLIDAY in Australian Wine Companion 2008**
Fresh, clean and lively aroma and flavours of citrus and green apple; a vibrant, dry finish; developing well, though slowly. To 2018.
- ★★★★** **100 TOP NEW RELEASE WINES**
HUON HOOKE in Gourmet Traveller WINE
December/January 2007
An unusual wine with an intriguing nose of citrus, floral and mineral notes as well as a balsamic overtone. It's juicy and zippy on the palate with medium-length flavours lifted by a trace of sweetness, concluding with a clean finish. 89/100
- ZEST IS BEST** **RICK ALLEN in clao**
November 17 2006
Chrismont's 2005 riesling is a beauty, a zesty wine full of citrus, lime and lemon, best enjoyed as a youngster.
- 93** **TIM WHITE in Australian Financial Review**
October 13-15 2006
- GREAT SPRING DRINKING** **FERGUS McGHIE in Canberra Times**
September 20 2006
The cool King Valley seems well suited to riesling, so it should come as no surprise that the winemakers at Chrismont make a pretty good one. A lively apple, bergamot and lime aroma leads to a palate of more apples and some softer honeysuckle flavours too. While the acid is bright and fresh, it is definitely not an unapproachable style in its youth - great spring drinking. 4.0/5
- A BEAUTY** **TIM WHITE in theage(melbourne)magazine**
August 25 2006
This is a beauty - deep, peachy and intense. Packed with fruit flavour, too - peel, pear and lime - really lip-smacking stuff. Pure fruit which goes on and on, with a bit of mid-palate chewiness adding texture. Riesling for chardonnay lovers and a total bargain at the price.
- STRIKING** **JENI PORT in The Age**
July 22 2006
The King Valley is associated with new wave Italian wines but this "old wave" riesling shows the valley does the classics equally well (if not better). Owner Arnie Pizzini and winemaker Warren Proft make classic food wines and this riesling is no exception. A tightly structured wine, the aroma is pure citrus supported by background florals, jasmine. The palate is dusty lemons and lime zest with a striking acidic freshness.
- ★★★★** **DAVID SUTHERLAND in Border Mail**
July 22 2006
Arnie and Jo Pizzini produce, with the help of in-house winemaker Warren Proft, some of the most consistent and high quality wines in the King Valley. Riesling has always been my favourite variety of the King Valley and this wine does nothing to alter that belief. The valley produces riesling that is nicely balanced with good but not searingly high acidity, along with attractively perfumed fruit aromas. King Valley riesling is usually a great drink when it is young but ages really well as well. This 2005 is dry but with excellent ripe fruit. Rather Germanic in character with intensely perfumed citrus and tropical characters on the palate.
with food: sensational with scallops, prawns or Thai chicken dishes
ageing: great now or cellar for 3-4 years
in a word: aromatic
- DELIGHTFUL** **RICK ALLEN on www.pmdwines.com**
The King Valley is probably best known for its Italian red varieties, but it regularly punches way above its weight with its rieslings. They are invariably full flavoured and delightful early drinking. This is typical, with a citrusy green apple and lime nose, leading to a crisp, lemon and lime palate that has a bone dry finish. While Clare and Eden Valley rieslings reward cellaring, this is best enjoyed as a zippy, acidic youngster.

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- 2004** ★★★★★ **STUART GREGOR in don't buy wine without me 2006**
There is a lot going on in Victoria's King Valley—it might actually be the most dynamic wine region in Australia. There are lots of young, exciting wine makers, lots of new varieties and lots of great cool climate vineyards. The Chrismont winery is at the forefront of the pack and this riesling is one of the best in Victoria—gorgeously citrusy, great now, differently fabulous in five years
-  **The Penguin Good Australian Wine Guide 2005|2006**
A pale, straw-coloured young riesling with a shy nose of lime and delicate blossom-like floral notes. A little touch of sulphur isn't too intrusive, and should disappear with time. The palate is clean and intense with long, dry varietal flavour and lemony acidity. It should develop in richness and interest with some age. A good style to match tempura.
- ★★★★★ **Winestate North East Victoria Tasting, November/December 2005**
Some toasty development beginning to appear on the nose. Crisp, vibrant palate with good depth of some excellent lime fruit flavours, with everything in balance.
- SILVER** **Rutherglen Wine Show 2005**
- SILVER** **Royal Melbourne Wine Show 2005**
- 90/100** **JAMES HALLIDAY on www.winepros.com.au, May 20 2005**
Pale straw-green; floral apple blossom aromas flowing through to spice and apple palate; excellent acidity. Screwcap.
BEST DRINKING: 2005 to 2012
- 2003** ★★★★★ **JAMES HALLIDAY'S Australian Wine Companion 2005**
Perfumed, aromatic; considerable intensity and length, with a touch of spritz.
RATING: 89
BEST DRINKING: 2007

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