

SORBY ADAMS

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ACCOLADES CONTINUE FOR SORBY ADAMS' EDEN VALLEY WHITES

Boutique Eden Valley producer Sorby Adams Wines continues to impress with its 2008 'GT' Gewürztraminer winning the esteemed Winewise Small Vigneron Awards 2008 trophy for best aromatic white other than Riesling.

Building on the strength of the 2007 'GT' which has been favourably reviewed, Winemaker Simon Adams has handcrafted a flavoursome and finely structured wine to best reflect the characteristics of Barossa's Eden Valley.

"The GT is sourced from our Home Vineyard in Barossa's Eastern hills, originally planted in 1932, and was picked at optimum maturity to ensure the greatest concentration of fruit flavour. Its fruit driven palate is dominated by lychees and rose petals balanced by the classical Eden Valley acidity," enthuses Adams.

The perfect partner for spicy Asian dishes, Adams recommends drinking now although he says the GT will cellar for many years.

"After vintages spent working overseas, particularly time spent in Alsace, my passion is to create aromatic whites in the tradition of the great European wines, full of fruit flavour and styled to optimise longevity," says Adams.

"It is so rewarding to receive the Winewise trophy personally but also in recognition of Eden Valley's potential as one of the world's best aromatic producing wine regions."

Adams' penchant for fragrant whites from Eden Valley extends to the Jellicoe Riesling, sourced from his Jellicoe Vineyard in the region's renowned Golden Triangle, famous for old vine Riesling.

"Our first release of this wine, the 2007 Jellicoe, was really well received by both industry and consumers and the 2008 release continues to showcase this classical wine's regional style," says Adams.

Handpicked early to retain the delicate natural flavours and acidity that is the essence of Barossa's Eden Valley, the wine is lively and crisp, full of citrus, limes and grapefruit.

Adams fondly describes it as "a lean and mean wine with the typical great ageing potential of Eden Valley. It can be a little austere in its youth but it blossoms with age. "

The Jellicoe Vineyard not only includes premium Riesling vines but Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz which Adams has nurtured to create the stunning 2007 Jellicoe Cabernet Sauvignon, his first from the Vineyard.

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“This individual vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon displays rich, ripe aromas and flavours of dark chocolate and cassis with the typical complexity and finesse expected of a high country Cabernet. The addition of 14 per cent Shiraz gives another layer of texture and spice,” says Adams.

Excited about his evolving range, Adams is committed to Eden Valley and the amazing potential of his home region.

“Whilst completing the hand pruning of both the Home and Jellicoe Vineyards I had plenty of time to contemplate and get excited about these new releases and now budburst has brought the anticipation of another vintage and the quality of wines to come.”

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