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## Coal River Valley Riesling 2008

Heemskerk was an integral player in developing Tasmania's wine industry, long before the island reached its current state of popularity. Graham Wiltshire established the Heemskerk vineyard in 1975 and today the label looks a little further afield, making wines that reflect some of Tasmania's best vineyard sites.

Winemaker Anna Pooley is part of the next generation of young Tasmanian winemakers who is keen to promote Tasmania's cool climate wine styles.

The north-east facing Riversdale vineyard is planted on the well draining sandy loam soils on the banks of the Coal River in Southern Tasmania. Moderate ripening weather, tempered by its proximity to the water, allows the development of mouth watering acidity and punchy fruit flavours.

The grapes are handpicked and because of the purity of the juice, it is not fined in order to retain its freshness. New and old world winemaking techniques come together including long term storage on yeast lees and maturation in large seasoned oak vats.

### Winemaker Comments Anna Pooley

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#### Vineyard Region

Riversdale Vineyard, Coal River Valley, Southern Tasmania

#### Vintage Conditions

2008 was a much kinder vintage than 2007. Spring was relatively warm and moist and frost damage was minimal. High fruitfulness and good fruit set led to above average yields in most varieties. 2008 was another warmer than average year, with another early start to vintage. Rainfall for the year was close to average and the finish to the season was dry. This provided excellent ripening conditions and the quality of the vintage is very good.

#### Technical Analysis

**Harvest Date** 15 April 2008

**pH** 2.95

**Acidity** 8.12g/L

**Alcohol** 12.5%

**Residual Sugar** 0.8g/L

**Bottling Date** November 2008

**Peak Drinking** This wine will mature for 10+ years if carefully cellared.

#### Grape Variety

Riesling

#### Maturation

This wine was matured for two months in a 5000 litre French oak vat.

#### Colour

Pale straw with lime green hues.

#### Nose

A lifted and delicate nose with aromas of new spring blossom, subtle cinnamon, kaffir lime leaf with deeper yeast lees aromas.

#### Palate

A complex palate with notes of red apple, grapefruit, mouth watering lime zest and dominant slatey acid. The wine finishes soft and luscious.