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## Coal River Valley Riesling 2011

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.

### Winemaker Comments Anna Pooley

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#### Vineyard Region

Riversdale Vineyard, Coal River Valley, Southern Tasmania.

#### Vintage Conditions

Although it was a tough vintage on the 'mainland' of Australia, once again Tasmania experienced a good to very good vintage. High winter and spring rainfall and cooler than average summer temperatures led to slow but even ripening and a return to more 'average' conditions. Overall temperatures across the state were in line with the long term averages. The resultant fruit had incredibly intense structure, high but soft acid and superior fruit flavour all at lower than 'average' Baumes.

#### Technical Analysis

##### Harvest Date

pH 2.89

Acidity 9g/L

Alcohol 11.5%

Residual Sugar 2.1g/L

##### Bottling Date

**Peak Drinking** Austere but approachable in its youth but will blossom over the next 10+ years.

#### Grape Variety

Riesling

#### Maturation

Stainless Steel 100%

#### Colour

Pale white gold with a green rim.

#### Nose

Delicate but perfumed with notes of lime, citrus blossom, orange peel and passionfruit.

#### Palate

Dense and powerful with flavours of lemon sherbet, passionfruit pulp and lime juice wrapped around a lacy, talcy river pebble acid texture. The palate is racy and pure and lingers long after the last sip.