

# HELM WINES

## Helm Riesling *Classic Dry* 2016

Cream label

Our Classic Dry Riesling is made from grapes sourced from the Helm estate and neighbouring vineyards within the valley in which the Helm winery is situated. The Helm estate vineyard contains the oldest Riesling vines in the Canberra district—planted in 1974. This is Helm Wines' 40th Riesling vintage.

### The Grapes

Helm Wines 40<sup>th</sup> vintage was marked with a superb season which is typified in the flavours, elegance, and balance of the Riesling Classic Dry. After one of the coldest winters in 15 years, October was dry and the hottest on record. November saw heavy rain and flowering mid month—the earliest in our records. December/January was warm with good rains from storms. Vineyards looked a picture with heavy crops and no disease. Harvest started mid-February—the earliest in 40 years. Unusual heatwaves meant harvesting in the cool of the morning and the winery refrigeration worked overtime. Like 2015 the varieties all ripened close together with some vineyards harvesting Riesling and red grapes in the same week.

This wine was made from fruit from four individual vineyards on unique sites, soil, aspects, different clones and managements within 1 000 metres of Helm Wines. Great effort goes into selecting the perfect time to harvest as we allow the vineyards to make the wines. We regularly sample, taste, and analyse the sugar, acid and pH content, so the grapes are picked when they are in perfect balance. The individual parcels of fruit are separately managed in the winery, and when complete, carefully blended to produce this distinctive wine. This recipe has been successfully developed over the last 40 years.

### The Wine

Fresh, aromatic, lime and crisp apple flavours, perfectly balanced with a refreshing finish. Another elegant and enjoyable Helm Riesling.

### Serve with

A versatile wine that will complement a variety of cuisines, particularly Asian cuisine and seafood.

### Cellar for

25 to 30 years, although if you prefer fresh young Rieslings drink it over the next 5 years.



### Technical Information

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| <b>RRP</b>            | \$38              |
| <b>Vintage</b>        | 2016              |
| <b>Winemaker</b>      | Ken Helm          |
| <b>Region</b>         | Canberra District |
| <b>Harvested</b>      | February 2016     |
| <b>Alcohol</b>        | 11.8%             |
| <b>Residual sugar</b> | 5gm/litre         |