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91 points

2009 PIKES Traditionale Riesling

“Some of the world’s most interesting and age-worthy Rieslings come from Australia, and many of those bottlings really require five years to show their stuff. I would guess that this wine will need that much time to really come into its own, as it is extremely austere now when first opened. However, once permitted to warm a bit and breathe for an hour, it already shows wonderful lemon/lime fruit and an engaging minerality that makes it very attractive. Slow ageing of fine Rieslings from the Clare will bring delightful secondary aromas into play, so you’d be well advised to buy a few bottles of this for the long term, or to decant the wine if your curiosity requires you to crack into one now.”

Michael Franz