Wine Australia Market Insights

Variety snapshot 2026 - Riesling

Variety	**Riesling**
Colour	**White**

Plantings

Source: ABS 2015	Riesling	All varieties
Area planted in Australia (hectares)	3,157	135,133
Percentage of total area	2.3%	
Percentage of white varieties	6.5%	

Crush

Source: National Vintage Survey 2026	Riesling	All varieties
Tonnes crushed in 2026	17,838	1,265,671
Percentage of total crush	1.4%	
Percentage of white crush	2.7%	

Top five regions % of total crush	Riesling	All varieties
Clare Valley	30%	1%
Langhorne Creek	12%	2%
Eden Valley	11%	1%
Riverland	10%	31%
Riverina	7%	19%
Others	29%	47%

Exports

Source: Wine Australia Wine Export Approval System 2025-26

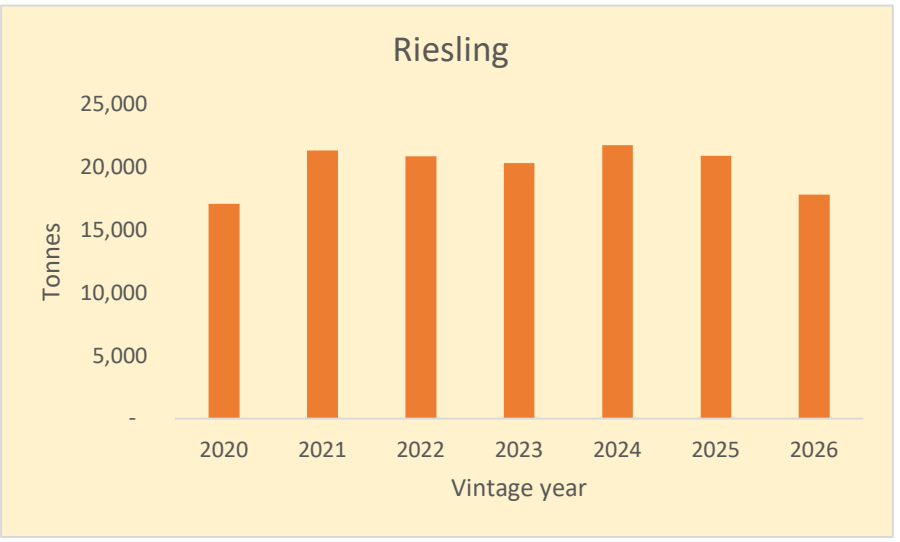
Exports by variety content	Riesling	All varieties
Export volume ('000 litres)	3,018	596,929
Export value ($'000 FOB)	17,218	2,295,383
Share of export volume	0.5%	
Share of export value	0.8%	

Label claim exports (packaged only)	Riesling and Riesling blends	All packaged wine exports
Total exports ('000 litres) in 2025-26	1,799	191,153
Change in volume from 2024-25	-8%	-10%
Total export value ($'000 FOB) in 2025-26	14,406	1,837,204
Average value per litre	$8.01	$9.61

Top five export destinations and share of exports by value	Riesling and Riesling blends	All packaged wine exports
China mainland	27%	39%
UK	15%	6%
USA	12%	9%
Canada	8%	8%
Japan	7%	3%
Others	31%	35%

Top five varietal label claims by value with Riesling in the name

- Riesling
- Riesling, Gewürztraminer
- Riesling, Traminer
- Riesling, Marsanne, Sauvignon Blanc, Roussanne
- Riesling, Gewürztraminer, Kerner







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