This is a document about Reisling Grapes.

**Riesling** ([/ˈriːslɪŋ/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA/English), [/ˈriːz-/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA/English);[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riesling#cite_note-1) German: [[ˈʁiːslɪŋ]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA/Standard_German) ([listen](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7f/De-Riesling.ogg))) is a white [grape variety](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grape_variety) that originated in the [Rhine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhine) region. Riesling is an [aromatic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aromatic_%28wine%29) grape variety displaying flowery, almost perfumed, aromas as well as high acidity. It is used to make dry, semi-sweet, sweet, and sparkling [white wines](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_wine). Riesling wines are usually varietally pure and are seldom [oaked](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oak_%28wine%29). As of 2004, Riesling was estimated to be the world's 20th most grown variety at 48,700 hectares (120,000 acres) (with an increasing trend),[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riesling#cite_note-OCW_Vine_varieties-2) but in terms of importance for quality wines, it is usually included in the "top three" white wine varieties together with [Chardonnay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chardonnay) and [Sauvignon blanc](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sauvignon_blanc). Riesling is a variety that is highly "[*terroir*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terroir)-expressive", meaning that the character of Riesling wines is greatly influenced by the wine's place of origin.

In cool climates (such as many [German wine regions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_wine_regions)), Riesling wines tend to exhibit apple and tree fruit notes with noticeable levels of [acidity](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Acidity_%28wine%29) that are sometimes balanced with [residual sugar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Residual_sugar). A [late-ripening](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ripe_%28wine%29) variety that can develop more citrus and peach notes is grown in warmer climates (such as [Alsace](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alsace_%28wine%29) and parts of [Austria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria_%28wine%29)). In [Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia_%28wine%29), Riesling is often noted for a characteristic lime note that tends to emerge in examples from the [Clare Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clare_Valley_wine_region) and [Eden Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eden_Valley_wine_region) in [South Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Australia_%28wine%29). Riesling's naturally high acidity and pronounced fruit flavors give wines made from the grape exceptional [aging potential](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aging_potential), with well-made examples from favorable vintages often developing smokey, honey notes, and aged German Rieslings, in particular, taking on a "[petrol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petrol)" character.[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riesling#cite_note-WSET-3)

In 2015, Riesling was the most grown variety in Germany with 23.0% and 23,596 hectares (58,310 acres),[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riesling#cite_note-Statistics_15-16-4) and in the [French](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_wine) region of Alsace with 21.9% and 3,350 hectares (8,300 acres).[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riesling#cite_note-CIVA-5) In Germany, the variety is particularly widely planted in the [Mosel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mosel_%28wine%29), [Rheingau](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rheingau_%28wine%29), [Nahe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nahe_%28wine%29) and [Pfalz wine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfalz_wine) regions. There are also significant plantings of Riesling in Austria, Slovenia, Serbia, [Czech Republic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_wine), [Slovakia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slovakia_%28wine%29), [Luxembourg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luxembourg_%28wine%29), northern [Italy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy_%28wine%29), Australia, [New Zealand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand_wine), [Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_wine), [South Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_African_wine), [China](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_wine), [Ukraine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukraine_wine), and the United States ([Washington](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington_%28wine%29), [California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_%28wine%29), [Michigan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_%28wine%29) and [New York](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_%28wine%29)).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riesling#cite_note-WSET-3)