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Brand: Riedel | Model: 4400/15

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Riedel Sommeliers Riesling Grand Cru Wine Glass is a handmade, unadorned crystal glass designed to enhance the experience of floral white wines. Its specific shape is crafted to best support the aroma and taste profiles dominated by fermented grape juice and yeast flavors. This glass is part of the world's first grape varietal-specific wine glass series, aiming to elevate every sip.

- **Material:** Crystal Glass
- **Design:** Handmade, unadorned, varietal-specific
- **Capacity:** 13-1/4 ounces (approximately 390 ml)
- **Dimensions:** 3.11 inches (W) x 8.9 inches (H)
- **Weight:** 4 ounces
- **Recommended for:** Riesling (late harvest), Zinfandel, Beaujolais Nouveau, Gewürztraminer, Vouvray, Chianti, and Bardolino.





Image: The Riedel Sommeliers Riesling Grand Cru Wine Glass, showcasing its clear crystal and elegant design, filled with white wine.

SETUP

Upon receiving your Riedel Sommeliers Riesling Grand Cru Wine Glass, carefully remove it from its packaging. Inspect the glass for any signs of damage. Before first use, wash the glass according to the care instructions provided in this manual.



packaging example

Image: Example of Riedel Sommeliers wine glass packaging, designed to protect the delicate crystal during transport.

OPERATING (OPTIMAL WINE ENJOYMENT)

The design of the Riedel Sommeliers Riesling Grand Cru glass is specifically engineered to enhance the sensory experience of certain wine varietals. To fully appreciate the wine, consider the following:

- **Serving Size:** For white wines, pour approximately 2-3 ounces (60-90 ml) to allow sufficient evaporation space for aromas to develop.
- **Temperature:** Ensure the wine is served at its optimal temperature. Low temperatures can temper aroma intensity, while high temperatures may emphasize alcoholic fumes.
- **Swirling:** Gently swirl the wine in the glass. This moistens additional surface area, increasing evaporation and intensifying aromas. The egg-shaped bowl is designed to capture and layer these aromas effectively.
- **Palate Contact:** The shape of the glass guides the wine to specific taste zones on the tongue, balancing fruit,

acidity, mineral, tannin, and alcohol components for a harmonious flavor profile.



Image: A person holding the Riedel Sommeliers Riesling Grand Cru glass, demonstrating its comfortable hold and elegant presentation during wine tasting.

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Video: "Sommeliers - 40 Years 2013" by Crystal of America. This video highlights the history and philosophy behind the Sommeliers series, emphasizing the importance of glass shape for wine appreciation.

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Video: "Riedel Vinum Extreme Bordeaux / Cabernet - Wine Glasses (4 units)" by Merchant Video. This video demonstrates the use of Riedel glasses for different wine types, showcasing how the specific design enhances the tasting experience.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Riedel Sommeliers glasses are crafted from fine lead crystal, requiring specific care to maintain their quality and performance. The surface of lead crystal is coarser than ordinary glass, which helps in conveying intense aromas but also makes it softer and more delicate.

Hand Washing

- Use lukewarm water and a small amount of detergent, adjusting based on how greasy the glasses are.
- Rinse thoroughly under running water.
- For extra sparkle, steam the glasses over a bowl of boiling water before polishing.

- Use a lint-free linen cloth that has been washed without fabric softener. Fabric softener can leave a greasy film that affects champagne bubbles.
- When wiping, use two cloths and both hands: one hand to hold the bowl, the other to wipe. Do not force the cloth into the bowl, as the thin walls are delicate.
- Avoid holding the glass by the base while wiping the bowl, as this can twist and break the stem.

Dishwasher Safety

Note: Despite some general claims, the manufacturer's specifications for this specific model (4400/15) indicate that it is **not dishwasher safe**. Hand washing is recommended to preserve the integrity and longevity of the glass.

Odor Absorption

Lead crystal can quickly absorb environmental odors (e.g., cardboard, wood). If glasses are not used frequently, nose them before serving to ensure no unwanted odors are present.

TROUBLESHOOTING

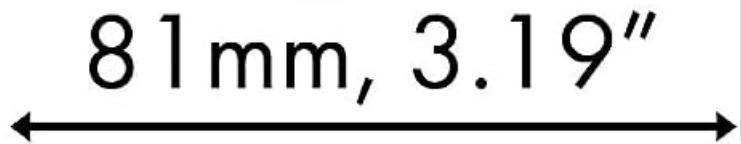
- **Cloudiness/Film:** If glasses appear cloudy or have a film after washing, ensure you are using a lint-free cloth and avoiding fabric softeners. Hard water can also contribute; consider using distilled water for rinsing.
- **Breakage:** Due to the delicate nature of fine crystal, handle with extreme care. Avoid sudden temperature changes and impacts.
- **Dullness:** Proper hand washing and polishing with a suitable cloth should maintain the glass's brilliance. If dullness persists, ensure no detergent residue remains.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Riedel
Model Number	4400/15
Material	Crystal Glass
Color	Clear
Style	Zinfandel/Chianti Classico (Riesling)
Capacity	13.4 Fluid Ounces
Item Weight	4 ounces (0.25 Pounds)
Product Dimensions	3.11"W x 8.9"H
Number of Items	1
Product Care Instructions	Hand Wash Recommended (Not Machine Wash Safe)
Manufacture Year	1992

226mm, 8.90"





81mm, 3.19"

Image: Detailed view of the Riedel Sommeliers Riesling Grand Cru glass with its height and width dimensions indicated.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Riedel products are known for their quality craftsmanship. While the product description does not specify a direct warranty, customer reviews indicate that warranty claims for items purchased through third-party retailers like Amazon may not be directly honored by Riedel. It is advisable to retain your proof of purchase and contact the retailer for any issues. For general product information and care tips, you may visit the official Riedel website.

Proposition 65 Warning: This product may contain chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

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Video: "RIEDEL HQ - Kufstein Austria" by RIEDEL - Crystal of America. This video provides insight into the manufacturing process and heritage of Riedel glassware, showcasing the dedication to quality and design.

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