

# MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

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2020 RIESLING

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CLARE VALLEY

No where to hide...

Of all the many grape varieties, Riesling is the most transparent expression of a vineyard site. We have long loved the more crystalline expressions of Clare Valley Riesling, which embrace the exquisite risk inherent in delicacy and fragility. Never a wine about winemaker ego, or manhandling in the winery, just purity...

Please handle gently.

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## Creation

From a heartbreakingly small vintage in 2020 the Faulkner vineyard in the lean and hungry rocky soils of the rugged Penwortham Hills yielded less than a third of its historical crop. But on the bright side the resulting bunches and berries were tiny, but extraordinarily intense with a rapier-like acid line. Both of our Watervale vineyards situated in Clare Valley's 'Golden Mile' really took the lead with this wine delivering lots of flavour, intensity with no shortage of perky acidity.

## Composition

A deliberately delicate expression of Clare Valley Riesling, exhibiting lifted floral notes, kaffir lime, freshly squeezed lemon juice, grapefruit peel, bath salts, and underlying talc. Classic citrus notes are complimented by the mouth-watering chalky and mineral texture on the palate, finishing with a fine and taut acid line.

## Consumption

All of the dumplings! Who doesn't love dumplings? Think prawn and garlic chive dumplings served with a fragrant spicy chilli oil for brunch after a big night out. Also suited to cellar for up to 10 years for a more complex and intriguing Riesling expression.

VARIETY: 100% RIESLING

ALCOHOL: 12.4%

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