

MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

—
2021 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

After a painful number of vintages with even more painful yields, we worked hard to find a couple of other blocks to supplement our historical vineyard partners in 2021. This vintage comprises about 75% fruit from the terrarossa/ red loam laid over limestone of Watervale often referred to as "The Golden Mile", with picking times staggered to retain natural acidity. The balance is sourced from the lean hungry and rocky soils of Penwortham and the cooler later ripening sites of the Sevenhill subregion.

Composition

From the coolest growing season since 2002, flavour developed slowly over time making for a welcome change from recent vintages, with a distinctly delicate but intense character. Low Baumes, coupled with healthy natural acids led to lifted floral notes, kaffir lime, freshly squeezed lemon juice, grapefruit pith, 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%

BOTTLED: JUNE 2021

