

MINISTRY OF CLOUDS

—
2022 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 have continued to work hard to supplement our historical vineyard partners in 2022. This vintage comprises about 90% grapes from the terrarossa/ red loam laid over limestone of the renowned Watervale subregion 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 characteristic of the cooler and later ripening hills of Penwortham.

Composition

From the second consecutive La Nina we enjoyed another cool growing season, with flavour developing slowly over time making for a welcome change from recent vintages, producing a distinctly delicate but intense character. Low Baumes, coupled with healthy natural acids led to lifted and fine floral notes, lavender and lime leaf, grapefruit pith, bath salts, and underlying talc. Classic Clare 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 har gow 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: 12.3%

BOTTLED: AUGUST 2022

