

Mr. Riggs

McLaren Vale



Regional Series



2023 Mr. Riggs Watervale Riesling

The Regional Series is all about paying homage to whence they came. After all, the aim of all Mr. Riggs wines is to express the essence of the vineyard and varieties.

History

From the outset, producing a Riesling from Australia's best Riesling region was on the list of icon wines to be pursued by Ben Riggs. The opportunity to produce Riesling from Clare Valley's coolest sub-region, Watervale, (in every sense of the word) was not to be missed!

Vineyard

The 2023 Mr. Riggs Watervale Riesling has been sourced from the Brysky Vineyards. The vines are planted by single cordon trellising, traditional to the Clare region. Hand pruning allows the best possible shaping and opening of the canopy, to maximise sunlight for growth and even ripening of the grapes.

Vintage

The 2023 vintage in the Clare Valley was much cooler and later than average, allowing slow balanced ripening with great natural acidity. The grapes were picked in late March, and yields were low to moderate. Nevertheless the wine accurately reflects the pedigree of the vintage which produced wines that are elegant and perfumed with high levels of natural acidity.

Winemaking

Fruit for the Watervale Riesling is machine harvested and crushed to stem. Pressings are separated from free run and the juice is partially clarified. The wine then undergoes gentle cold settling, tank fermentation with complex German yeast. The wine rests on lees for 8 weeks until final clarification and bottling.

Tasting Note

The wonderfully delicate nose carries lime oil and soft citrus blossom characters seamlessly to the palate. Here, the mouth feel is abundantly vibrant and lifted offering zesty lemon and lime carefully balanced with bright, fresh, full fruit sweetness. The Rieslings from the cooler sub-region of Watervale, south of Clare, are crisp, tangy and delicate and this example is no exception. A true expression of vineyards and vintage, Mr. Riggs Watervale Riesling 2023 represents precisely place and time.

Technical Details

pH:	2.85
TA:	7.66
Alc/Vol:	12%
Bottling date:	21st August 2023
Production:	580 dozen
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs

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