

Watervale Riesling, Mitchell Wines

Clare Valley, Australia



Product code	MW02ZZWC
Grapes	Riesling
Country	AUSTRALIA
ABV%	13
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Screw Cap
Producer	Mitchell Wines
Vintage	2021



Producer

Run by Andrew and Jane Mitchell and their son Angus, this winery has gone from strength to strength since its inauguration in 1975. Sited 120 kilometres north of Adelaide and standing at 80 ha of sustainably farmed vineyard, the estate is widely recognised as one of the world's leading Riesling producers as well as being highly respected for their Semillon and intensely flavoured, well structured, long lived reds. Their grapes come from four main vineyard sites in the Clare Valley where the altitude ranges from 300-450 metres which allows the fruit to ripen more slowly and evenly with drops from 40°C during the day to 1°C at night being common during the main ripening months. Soils are primarily loam over limestone. No artificial herbicides or pesticides are used in the vineyards.

Tasting Notes

"The Wine has a powerful, concentrated aromatic intensity showing lemon, lime and spring flowers on the nose. The palate has immense generosity of fruit flavour and incredible mineral complexity and length. We have no doubt that the quality of the vintage will reward cellaring this wine for more than a decade." Flinty wet sand minerality with kaffir lime and lemon blossom. The flavour is fresh and bright. Struck match flininess with exotic limes. Long and linear with sweet fruit and textural tangents giving the wine complexity and generosity.

Viticulture

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Winemaking

2021 was a classic Clare Valley vintage - cool and dry conditions resulted in fruit with great varietal character and delightful natural acidity. Late winter/early Spring rain saw the vines start the growing season with good sub soil moisture, this led to an even bud burst and excellent canopy growth. While the rest of the growing season was dry, there was ideal flowering conditions and great fruit set.

Awards

96 pts Andrew Caillard - The Vintage Journal

94 pts Jeni Port - Wine Pilot