

McNicol Riesling, Mitchell Wines

Clare Valley, Australia



Product code	MW14ZZWC
Grapes	Riesling
Country	AUSTRALIA
ABV%	13
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Screw Cap
Producer	Mitchell Wines
Vintage	2012



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. A brilliant example of aged Riesling. Bright gold in the glass, with perfumes of toasted honey and marmalade and hints of exotic citrus. The textural mouth filling sweetness is rounded out with a touch of oak. The length and balance of the wine speaks to the quality of fruit and vintage "

Viticulture

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Winemaking

2012 growing season was relatively mild with regular rain throughout Spring resulted in good canopy growth. Budburst and veraison were around 2 weeks earlier than the longterm average and this flowed through to picking dates. While yields were comparatively low, quality in the Riesling fruit was one of the best for years. A great Vintage

Awards

95 pts Halliday Wine Companion