KILIKANOON
CLARE VALLEY

Mort's 1973
WATERVALE RIESLING 2024

An icon of the Kilikanoon stable, this refined wine is an ode to the place, its people and their vision. This wine used to be named after our founding winemaker's father, Mort who established many of the original vineyards of Kilikanoon. Now, this single vineyard Riesling is an ode to the old vine Riesling block from which it is picked. It is grown, fermented and cellared with the sole purpose to capture the essence of this famed Watervale vineyard.

PLACE

33°59'42.0"S 138°39'31.7"E

Single Vineyard - Mort's Block, Watervale, South Australia
Altitude - 370m
Soil - Terra Rosa

Our grapes are grown on Ngadjuri country.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The early flowering of 2024 was ideal for this cooler season as the fruit had additional time to full ripen in the mild summer. These cooler conditions slowed the ripening of the grapes, resulting in bright varietal flavours, crisp natural acidities, and lower sugar concentrations at picking than prior seasons.

WINEMAKING

Fruit for this Reserve wine was picked on the 12th of February. The whole bunches were then gently pressed, and the free-run juice cold settled for three days before being racked to stainless-steel tanks for fermentation. The fermentation was undertaken at low temperatures and continued for 17 days naturally finishing dry. The wine was then chilled and allowed to naturally clarify.

COLOUR

Pale lemon with a pristine clarity.

NOSE

Subtle aromas of white peach blossom, kaffir lime and soft layering of oyster shell.

PALATE

Focused and bright, this wine fills the mouth with a chalky palate with notes of lemon-lime. Delicate yet powerful. Boasting notes of the classic Watervale sweetened lime pith and limestone minerality, freshness carries this wine through to the quinine finish, underpinned by the natural acidity which drives length and longevity.

AWARDS

WineOrbit ★★★★★ 95+ POINTS

winepilot 95 Excellent ★★★★

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 11.0%
Acidity: 8.2 g/L
Residual Sugar: 0.7 g/L

WINEMAKER

Peter Warr
Last Tasted:
24th October 2024

CELLARING

Now until 2040

24/10/2024