

MORT'S 1973

WATERVALE RIESLING 2025



An icon of the Kilikanoon stable, this refined wine is an ode to the place, its people and their vision. This wine is named after our founding winemaker's father, Mort who established many of the original vineyards of Kilikanoon. This single vineyard Riesling is a homage 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 our 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

Early flowering at the end of 2024 gave way to the grapes ripening earlier than usual in 2025. Ideal for the aromatic varieties such as Riesling with bunches ripening in cooler weather. 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 1st 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

Very pale lemon with a straw hue the wine has a bright clarity.

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Subtle aroma of jasmine flowers, white nectarine and lime juice.

PALATE

The wine has a seamless flow with a softened acidity at the core that carries the lime and lemon flavours, hints of thyme all tightly wound around a fine, chalky acidity. 2025 is generous vintage that is reflected in the concentration of fruit on the palate while holding a firm line that lingers with a quinine finish.

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 11.0%
Acidity: 7.6 g/L
Residual Sugar: 0.7 g/L

WINEMAKER

Peter Warr
Last Tasted:
4th May 2025

CELLARING

Now until 2040

AWARDS

