

Clos Clare, Watervale, Clare Valley, Riesling 2018



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Benchmark Clare Valley Riesling, bone dry and poised with characteristic lime and pepper flavours adding complexity to the fine and lifted mineral core.

Producer Note

The story behind clos Clare is fast becoming a legendary tale and has earned a place in the Clare Valley's winemaking history. This tiny, two hectare vineyard was originally part of the celebrated Florita vineyard in the Clare Valley subregion of Watervale, famed for producing outstanding dry Riesling. In 1986, Mark, Peter and John Barry purchased the whole Florita vineyard and sold off the small corner of the vineyard to a local artist, Ian Sanders and clos Clare was born. Today's label is an original design by Ian Sanders. In 2007, Peter and Sue Barry purchased clos Clare, which by now had forged a reputation for producing one of Australia's finest dry Rieslings. clos Clare is now run by their sons, Tom and Sam, the third generation of the Barry family and grandsons of Jim Barry, a pioneer of Clare Valley winemaking. For outstanding Clare Valley Rieslings, look no further.

Vineyard

Located in the prestigious Watervale subregion of the Clare Valley, the vineyard itself is over 70 years old, although the Riesling vines were replanted 46 years ago. Situated in the southwest corner of the former La Florita vineyard, the clos Clare vineyard comprises two hectares. The vines are dry-grown, which is facilitated by the clay content of the soil, as it helps to retain the moisture to nourish the vine. The canopy management techniques used in the vineyard differ according to the orientation of the vine: the north-facing vines are exposed to the sun, while the south facing vines are protected by the canopy vegetation.

Winemaking

The fruit was hand-picked during the latter part of February and was immediately chilled for 24 hours, prior to whole bunch pressing. The juice was completely racked off its solids after approximately 48 hours and fermented. The fermentation process took place without lees agitation or stirring and once fermentation was complete, the wine was racked off its lees. Oxygen was not purposely introduced at any stage, as the wine was made as reductively as possible.

Tasting Note

A hand-crafted wine showing poise, elegance and character. Delicate aromas of lemons and limes, carry through onto the palate. The palate shows great balance between citrus fruit and the hallmark acidity of the 2018 vintage and leads to a delicious and mouthwatering finish.

Grape

Riesling 100%



Winemaker:	Tom Barry
Region:	South Australia
Subregion:	Clare Valley
Country:	Australia
Alcohol:	12%
Dry/Sweet value:	1 (1 is dry, 7 is very sweet)
Residual Sugar:	3.1
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/No
Milk/Eggs:	Yes/No
Organic:	No
Biodynamic:	No
Product Code:	5480118A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl, 37.5cl
Closure:	Screwcap