

SEPPELTSFIELD

watervale riesling 2023



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Fiona Donald

Grape(s): Riesling

GI: Clare Valley

Site(s): Carlsfield vineyard in Watervale, Clare Valley

Vintage notes: The 2023 growing season was not without its challenges. The wetter than average spring and early summer, along with some small hail flurries, made for increased disease pressure. Cool weather conditions and solid crops slowed ripening, but minimal rain from end of December until the end of March kept disease at bay and led to a sound harvest of pristine, quintessential Clare Valley riesling, showing fantastic flavor ripeness and natural acidity.

Vineyard notes: A vineyard planted with up to 94-year-old Geisenheim clone riesling. The free draining soils range from red brown earth over limestone, to dark brown clay loam over silt stone and slate, which give rise to characteristic mineral structure and mid-palate richness. Elevation ranges from 380-400m, providing an extended ripening season. Vines are detail pruned and shoot thinned for canopy management.

Winemaking: Hand-picked. Free-run juice is cool-fermented until dry in stainless steel, with a single SO2 addition made after fermentation. Brief aging on fine lees before bottling.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 12.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: Lifted notes of talc powder, lemon aspen (a floral native citrus), and fresh cut pink-lady apples. Grainy lemon wattleseed notes overlay an underlying skeletal backbone of defined mineral acidity. Great flavor depth of finely cut finger limes and textural richness of custard apple and fresh lemon curd. Massive palate length and persistence.

Production size: 1000 dozen

Scores: 94 Points (James Suckling)