

MORT'S RESERVE

WATERVALE RIESLING 2023



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. Mort established many of the original vineyards of Kilikanoon. This single vineyard wine is grown, fermented and cellared with the sole purpose of capturing the essence of these famed Watervale vineyards.

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

Winter rains in 2022 led into a mild and late spring and subsequent summer. These conditions resulted in the vines slowly progressing through their growth and in turn delayed the ripening of the grapes, resulting in full flavours and balanced natural acidities. These conditions were ideal for the selected Riesling bunches, as their harvesting occurred without time pressure. A more bold vintage for drinkers and collectors alike.

WINEMAKING

Fruit for this Reserve wine was picked on the 14th of March. 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 14 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 and green apple skin with soft layering note of oyster shell.

PALATE

Delicate and crisp, this wine fills the mouth with a chalky palate, fine talcum like tannins and a long, clean quinine finish. Fresh flavours of ripe mandarine pith are intertwined with the classic watervale sweetened lime, which is carried on the back of the natural acidity throughout the length of the wine

TECHNICAL

Alcohol: 11.5%
Acidity: 8.0 g/L
Residual Sugar: 0.7 g/L

WINEMAKER

Peter Warr
Last Tasted:
19th October 2023

CELLARING

Now until 2038

AWARDS

