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Watervale

SINGLE VINEYARD

2014 Riesling



Fruit

We'd been taking the fruit from this vineyard, perched high on a ridge above the town of Watervale, and been mightily impressed by it, for a number of years, before, in 2010, taking the plunge and releasing the wine as an individual vineyard wine under the 'Watervale' label. The fruit grows in north-south rows on classic Watervale dirt, giving modest crops of intensely flavoured berries which are carefully hand-picked and sorted before delivery to the winery.

Vinification

As with all our Riesling, the fruit is really carefully looked after in the winery: gently pressed immediately on arrival, with only the best ("free run") juice put in tank and cold-settled for a few days. Once the juice was clear, it was racked off the solids to the fermentation tank, and fermented separately, cold and gently, for a month to absolute dryness, and then bottled the following spring.

The Wine

A lovely pale yellow/green: in the glass it even looks crisp and delicious. It smells like an apple that gave apples a good name (before so many were bred down for conformity, blandness and yield)...really sweet, ripe and alluring, yet always dignified, with notes of lemon blossom, lime and cassis. When you taste a wine like this it's easy to see why Watervale has got such a lofty reputation. And on the palate it's got lovely depth and intensity; 2014 is a relatively generous wine for our Watervale Riesling. There's lots of really ripe apple, lemon and lime fruit and perhaps even a whisper of something more tropical. In this vintage this wine a definitely walking in the footsteps of the Big Fine Girl, at a respectable distance though, of course: the 2014 Watervale is a bridge between the opulence of the Big Fine Girl and the delicacy and elegance of the Penwortham Riesling. Delicious now (of course) but should cellar beautifully for ten years.

A few numbers

Alcohol: 12.6% pH: 3.03

TA: 8.42

Residual Sugar 0.63g/L

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