

Cockfighter's Ghost Clare Valley Riesling 2008



Wines of Legend

The Cockfighter's Ghost range showcases premium single varietal wines from Australia's finest wine regions, an extensive portfolio that has evolved to represent unique expressions of varietal integrity and terroir.

This unstinting commitment to varietal excellence is fundamental to the philosophy of owner David Clarke, who seeks to create Cockfighter's Ghost wines as contemporary benchmarks.

The Clare Valley is arguably regarded as the home of Australia's finest rieslings. This, our sixth vintage of Clare Valley riesling, was crafted from premium grapes sourced from a highly regarded single vineyard site in the respected Watervale region.

WINEMAKING

In order to retain maximum fruit integrity and freshness, harvest took place in the cool of night in early March 2008. The grapes were immediately de-juiced before being transported to our winery in Pokolbin, NSW. On arrival the juice was cold fermented with neutral yeast in stainless steel tanks to enhance the aromatic varietal characters. Following fermentation, the wine was bottled in July 2008.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol 12.6%, pH3.08, acid 7.4g/L.

AWARDS

- GOLD - Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2009, Class 2
- TOP 100 - Sydney International Wine Competition 2009
- SILVER - Royal Hobart International Wine Show 2009, Class 13
- SILVER - Vintage Cellars National Wine Show of Australia 2009, Class 15
- SILVER - Cowra Wine Show 2009, Class 38
- FOUR STAR RATING ★★★★★ Winestate Magazine, March/April 2009

WINEMAKER'S NOTES – Usher Tinkler

This riesling shows all the hallmarks for which the Clare region is renowned. Pale lime green in colour, the wine displays delicate floral aromas underpinned by an attractive fine talcum powder character. The palate is rich with white peach, honeydew melon, lime lemon flavours and fresh acidity providing a clean, crisp and dry finish.

This wine can be enjoyed in its youth or will continue to reward for up to 10 years in the cellar if stored in optimum conditions.

Riesling is a very versatile food wine but is especially suited to fresh seafood, spicy Southeast Asian dishes such as prawn laksa, freshly shucked oysters and summer salads.



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