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Jim Barry's Watervale Riesling captures the quintessential elegance of Clare Valley Riesling, with vibrant citrus and a crisp mineral finish.

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95
Wine Enthusiast



Alcohol :12,00 %

Composition: 100% Riesling

Watervale Riesling 2022

Clare Valley, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The Jim Barry Watervale Riesling originates from the **Watervale sub-region of the Clare Valley** in South Australia, an area known for producing some of the finest Rieslings in the world. The **Clare Valley** is celebrated for its unique **Mediterranean climate** with a strong diurnal range, which allows the grapes to develop rich flavors during the warm days and preserve their natural acidity during the cool nights. This variance is essential for creating the region's characteristic bright, refreshing, and structured Rieslings.

The **Florita vineyard**, where the Watervale Riesling grapes are sourced, lies on **south-and east-facing slopes**, a deliberate choice to protect the vines from the hot, drying winds of summer. Facing the cooler morning sun, the vines ripen at a steady pace, developing concentrated flavors and retaining a vibrant acidity. Careful vineyard management includes **single cordon training with two-bud spurs** to ensure a balanced canopy, allowing for optimal air circulation and shade. These methods, combined with targeted irrigation and mulching, preserve soil moisture and support uniform grape ripening across the vineyard.

Winemaking

The 2023 Watervale Riesling was crafted with a strong emphasis on purity and freshness. Grapes were **harvested during the cool of the night** to minimize oxidation and capture the pristine fruit character for which Clare Valley Riesling is renowned. Once at the winery, the grapes were **immediately pressed** without skin contact, avoiding any potential bitterness and preserving the clarity of the juice. The juice then underwent a settling period of 24 to 48 hours before being racked off its solids, resulting in a pure, bright base for fermentation.

By controlling fermentation temperatures carefully, Jim Barry retained the wine's vibrant aromatic profile. This Riesling was bottled shortly after fermentation to lock in its youthful vigor and the fresh, zesty qualities of the vintage, capturing the purest expression of the Watervale terroir.



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright, pale lemon with green highlights.
- **Aroma:** Intense notes of lemon zest, fresh grapefruit, and lime, underscored by a distinctive minerality.
- **Palate:** Crisp and lively, featuring juicy citrus and stone fruit with hints of white flowers, all balanced by a vibrant acidity and a long, mineral finish.

Did you know?

The Jim Barry winery has a legacy deeply intertwined with Clare Valley's Riesling production. **Jim Barry** was the first qualified winemaker in the Clare Valley, graduating in 1947, and established the winery in 1959. His commitment to Clare Valley Riesling helped establish the region as one of Australia's premier Riesling producers. Today, the winery remains family-owned, with Jim's descendants continuing his dedication to quality and tradition.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Seafood Platter:** The wine's citrus acidity pairs exceptionally with fresh oysters, prawns, and calamari.
- **Thai Green Curry:** The wine's zesty freshness contrasts well with the creamy, spicy notes of a coconut-based curry.
- **Grilled Chicken Salad with Lemon Vinaigrette:** Complements the citrus and mineral undertones of the Riesling.
- **Goat Cheese Tart:** The wine's acidity cuts through the richness of the cheese while enhancing the dish's flavors.

Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2022)

In a word: excellent. This 2022 Watervale Riesling has soapstone, lavender, lime flesh, pumice stone phenolics and very fine, curvy acidity. It sits well in the mouth, and it lingers through into a long finish. It's incredible value for the money from one of the shining star producers in the region, going from strength to strength under the young/fresh leadership of the third-generation Barry brothers (Sam, in commercial, Tom, winemaker). It won a trophy at the QLD Wine Show 2022.



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