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Crafted by Jeffrey Grosset, this Springvale Riesling is celebrated for its bright intensity and complexity, combining fresh lime and green apple with subtle herbal undertones.

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Springvale Riesling 2023

Clare Valley, Australia



Alcohol :12,50 %

Composition: 100% Riesling

Region and Vineyards

The **Springvale vineyard**, located in the **Watervale subregion of Clare Valley**, enjoys the highest elevation in the area at **460 meters**. This six-hectare site, certified **organic** and **biodynamic**, features thin red loams interspersed with shale over limestone. These soils provide excellent insulation for drought-sensitive Riesling vines, resulting in compact, lime-green berries with moderate bunch sizes averaging **150 grams**.

The **2022 growing season** began with a dry, cool autumn and was followed by heavy winter rains, replenishing soil moisture. Higher-than-average spring rainfall ensured well-irrigated vines, while a **cool summer** delayed budburst and ripening, creating one of the latest vintages in over a decade. Despite these delays, the season produced fruit of exceptional quality, marked by vibrant acidity and complex varietal character.

Winemaking

The organic grapes were **hand-harvested** in small parcels to preserve their pristine quality. At the winery, they were **gently crushed and destemmed**, followed by a soft pressing to extract the purest juice. The free-run juice was then inoculated with **neutral yeasts**, ensuring that the vineyard's natural expression was maintained in the final wine.

Fermentation lasted for **two weeks** in **temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks** , with batches kept separate based on clone and vine age. This meticulous process allowed the distinct characteristics of each parcel to shine through before blending and bottling, producing a wine of clarity and complexity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Pale straw with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma**: Inviting notes of **lemongrass**, **lime**, and a hint of floral **lilies**, complemented by subtle **spring herbs**.
- **Palate**: Bright, intense, and tightly structured, with flavors of **green apple**, **citrus layers**, and a touch of **white pepper**. The finish is long and precise, leaving a refreshing, mouthwatering impression.
- **Ageing Potential**: While beautifully drinkable now, this Riesling will evolve gracefully over the next decade, gaining richness and complexity.

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Did you know?

The **Springvale vineyard** is the highest in Watervale, a distinction that plays a key role in the wine's vibrancy and freshness. Jeffrey Grosset's pioneering work in Clare Valley has elevated Riesling's global reputation, with **Springvale Riesling** being a cornerstone of his acclaimed portfolio.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled King Prawns with Citrus Butter**: The wine's citrus-driven palate enhances the sweetness of the prawns and cuts through the richness of the butter.
- **Vietnamese Vermicelli Salad**: Its herbal notes and lime-driven freshness pair beautifully with the bright, tangy flavors of this dish.
- **Pan-Seared Scallops with Lemon Zest**: The Riesling's crisp acidity balances the caramelized richness of the scallops.
- **Goat Cheese and Herb Tart**: The minerality and citrus in the wine harmonize with the tanginess of the cheese and the earthiness of the herbs.



Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2022)

Coiled. That's what this 2022 Springvale Riesling is. It's like a compressed spring, waiting for release. The fruit is from the Springvale vineyard and shows just how GOOD Australian Riesling is. This is textural and tight, with springboards of fruit blossom, chalk, pith and zest queued up. This is a wine that needs some time to emerge from itself, but it promises to be a superstar: Grosset has managed to wedge in some restraint and some austerity into the folds of the voluminous Clare fruit. Yikes. Awesome. (EL) 95+



James Halliday (JH) : 95 Points (2022)

Certified organic and biodynamic. A high-tension, fragrant Springvale release. Bright, floral perfume of lime blossom, ozone, blackcurrant and green apple. A strong spectrum of citrus flavours are the currency here: lemon, lime and a squirt of pulpy grapefruit zing with a faintly yeasty, almond-like character to finish. Quiet complexity and vitality are writ large here. Excellent.



James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2022)

What a complex and enticing nose this dry riesling has, with notes of lime, melon and a slew of Mediterranean herbs. Serious concentration is married to blade-runner lime, mint and wet-stone freshness at the very long finish.

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