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Grosset Polish Hill Clare Valley Riesling is a benchmark of Australian Riesling, offering exceptional purity and intensity, with vibrant citrus notes, a mineral backbone, and outstanding ageing potential.

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Polish Hill Clare Valley Riesling 2022

Clare Valley, Australia

98 James Suckling



Region and Vineyards

The **Clare Valley**, situated in South Australia, is renowned for its exceptional Rieslings, and the **Polish Hill vineyard** stands out as one of the region's most iconic sites. This eight-hectare vineyard, located at an elevation of **460 meters**, enjoys the Clare Valley's coolest climate, ensuring a long growing season. The soils are **low-fertility shales and silts**, forcing the vines to work hard, which results in concentrated, small, thick-skinned berries.

The **Polish Hill vineyard** was planted in **1996** and is certified **organic** and **biodynamic**. Three clones of Riesling (two German and one rare local clone) thrive here, with vines yielding an average of just **two bottles of wine per vine**, ensuring intensity and precision in the fruit.

Winemaking

The **Riesling grapes** are organically grown and carefully hand-harvested in small parcels to ensure optimal quality. At the winery, the grapes are **gently crushed and destemmed** before undergoing a soft press with a **pneumatic press** to extract the purest juice. The free-run juice is fermented using **neutral yeasts**, preserving the vineyard's natural expression.

Fermentation occurs in **temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks**, with each clone and vine age batch fermented separately to capture the unique characteristics of the vineyard. After fermentation, the wine is meticulously blended and bottled to showcase its vibrant character and precision.

Alcohol :12,90 %

Composition: 100% Riesling

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright golden hues with a clear, crystalline appearance.
- **Aroma**: Captivating floral aromas with hints of **lime juice**, **beeswax**, and subtle minerality.
- **Palate**: Lean and structured, with a refreshing minerality and vibrant lime-driven finish. The wine is complex, with layers of citrus, floral, and mineral notes, and it shows remarkable balance and finesse.
- **Ageing Potential**: While approachable in its youth, this Riesling is built to age gracefully over decades, developing richer texture and honeyed nuances.

Did you know?

The **Polish Hill vineyard** is one of Australia's most prestigious Riesling sites. Jeffrey Grosset, inspired by his early experiences with Riesling, has transformed his **eponymous winery**—once an old milk depot—into a globally recognized producer of age-worthy and world-class wines.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Sashimi or Ceviche**: The wine's limey finish complements the freshness of raw fish dishes.
- **Thai Green Curry**: Its crisp acidity and floral notes balance the heat and aromatic spices.
- **Goat Cheese Tart**: The wine's minerality and vibrant citrus cut through the creaminess of the cheese.
- **Grilled Asparagus with Lemon Zest**: The slight minerality enhances the earthy flavors of asparagus while the citrus notes lift the dish.

98 James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 98 Points (2022)

Spectacular nose with a cornucopia of delicate citrus, stone-fruit and wildflower aromas. Then, a no less stunning combination of fruit and radically slate, flint and aniseed character. Very long finish with so much energy and great minerality. Excellent aging potential! From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

97 Robert Parker Wine Advocate

Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2022)

The Polish Hill Riesling is muscular and defined in its structure and is routinely possessed of an authority and grace straight off the bat. This 2022 Polish Hill Riesling is mineral and fine, but phenolic and taut, too. The acidity creates tension and life in the mouth, and despite the wine being pristine, it is chalky and pithy, too. The Polish Hill Riesling has a decorated legacy and is prized for its longevity in the cellar. There have been mutterings of similarities between 2022 and the great and fabled 2002 vintage, boding very well indeed for the future of this wine. Riesling mainlines the dirt and takes us to place. This is why we gravitate toward great wine, to be taken to dirt, vineyard and region. (EL) (9/2022)

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James Halliday (JH) : 95 Points (2022)

Certified organic and biodynamic. As always, an intense and concentrated expression of Clare Valley riesling. Powerful scents of mixed citrus peel, lime essence, lemongrass and ozone with faint, exotic spice and blackberry characters in the mix. The palate delivers juiciness, brightness of flavour and a little powdery grip to finish. A little more diffuse than legendary releases of this wine, the 2022 vintage feels a bit more accessible in youth. A couple of years' grace before drinking would yield additional enjoyment.

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