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“The Florita” Riesling 2009 vintage

“This micro batch super premium Riesling is the fruit of years of patience. We selected individual rows where the terra rossa and loam barely cover the deep limestone below. To guarantee the freshness of these precious grapes, we carefully picked batches to precisely fill our membrane press in the chill of night, and destemmed the bunches without crushing them. Only the finest 40% of the juice was used in this pristine, intense, beautifully citric Riesling.”

The story of Riesling in Australia is as old as the wine industry itself. Aficionados will remember the legendary “dry white hock style” wines from the 1960’s and 1970’s. The greatest Rieslings of that era came from the revered ‘Florita’ vineyard—a seventy five acre block established one mile south of the Watervale township near Clare in the early 1960’s.

Jim Barry’s sons purchased The Florita vineyard in 1986. Leo Buring first registered ‘The Florita’ trademark in 1946, and Mark, Peter and John were forced to wait, somewhat anxiously, until finally procuring it in 2004.

Winemaking Notes

This wine has super steely aromas of dried lime citrus with a floral lift, with complex undertones of wet slate, pink grapefruit, tangerine and lychee.

The palate is a lesson in line and length, with flavours of paw paw, piercing lemon sorbet acidity, frangipani and a fresh, juicy finish.

A magnificent cellar worthy Riesling.

Clare Valley, South Australia

Wine has been flowing in the Clare Valley since 1851 and is an integral part of the culture. It is one of Australia’s most prestigious premium wine regions famous for its Riesling and Shiraz. A tiny area accounting for less than 1.5% of the total Australian production.

With its beautiful rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall and Mediterranean climate, Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

Specifications

Variety:	100% Riesling
Vintage:	2009
Region:	Clare Valley, South Australia
Harvested:	April 2009
Estate Grown:	100%
Alc/Vol:	12.1%
Total Acid:	6.80g/l
pH:	2.93

