

## “Watervale Riesling” 2012 vintage

“The tiny village of Watervale (population 246), nestled in South Australia’s Clare Valley, is renowned for the quality of its Riesling.”

A vigorous growing season with good leaf area in the grape canopies meant the Jim Barry Riesling vintage kicked off earlier than usual, in the middle of February.

Some warm and then cool spells allowed for excellent flavour ripening with good natural acidity. Our Watervale Riesling was picked from a special part of the Florita vineyard in Watervale. This famous Riesling vineyard usually achieves full ripeness, with high natural acid levels.

Riesling was one of the highlights of the 2012 Clare Valley vintage. This year, our winemakers had at their disposal leading edge winemaking equipment to allow optimum quality juice to be delivered. Gentle pressing and a rapid move into the fermentation allowed the natural fruit flavours to be preserved.

Probably the earliest 2012 Riesling to be released, the pure Riesling grape characters are captured in this bottle for your enjoyment.

### Winemaking Notes

The wine has a light green straw colour. The lifted aromas that jump out of the glass are bright and clean - ginger, fresh lemon and lime juice.

There is an underlying complexity that comes from a number of distinctly different yeast strains used to ferment the separate parcels that make the final blend.

The palate is full, textural and structured with a spine of natural grape acidity and a zesty, clean finish.

### 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, the Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

### Specifications

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| Variety:        | 100% Riesling                 |
| Vintage:        | 2012                          |
| Region:         | Clare Valley, South Australia |
| Harvested:      | February 2012                 |
| Alc/Vol:        | 12.4%                         |
| Total Acid:     | 7.0g/l                        |
| pH:             | 2.9                           |
| Residual Sugar: | 3.0g/l                        |

