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“Watervale Riesling” 2008 vintage

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

Vintage 2008 was one of the earliest, fastest and most hectic in recent memory. Riesling harvesting started on the 6th of February which is 2-3 weeks earlier than the historical average.

The weather gods looked kindly upon us during the Riesling harvest as in Clare and Watervale we experienced some of the coolest night time temperatures (9°C) ever recorded during that part of February.

Flavours in the Riesling came on at lower baumes (sugar levels) than usual which is fantastic, as it allowed our winemaking team to retain some marvelous natural acid.

This Jim Barry Riesling is classic Watervale—lemons, limes and a wonderfully clean, crisp finish.

Winemaking Notes

This wine has a water like clarity with green tints with an expressive and joyful nose. Aromas of a bowl of sliced fruit with notably freshly squeezed kaffir lime, grapefruit and lemon and newly cut watermelon.

The palate is quenching and mouthwatering with high approachability and direction with supportive natural acid structure. A palate full of fruit and texture with underlying complexity of lanolin, floral aspect, wet stone and paw paw.

A wine created to be enjoyed upon release but also having the character to be cellared into the next decade to increase the complexity already apparent.

Delicious with a wide variety of foods, including seafood, chicken and summer salads.

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:	2008
Region:	Clare Valley, South Australia
Estate Grown:	100%
Alc/Vol:	11.5%
Total Acid:	7.1g/l
pH:	2.82

