



# BASILEUS

2023 RIESLING  
CLARE VALLEY, SA



## VINEYARD

The 2023 vintage of Clare Valley Riesling is highly anticipated and has proven to be an excellent year for this varietal. The growing conditions in 2023 were challenging requiring vigilant vineyard monitoring to ensure the grapes reached full ripeness while retaining their natural acidity. The result is a wine with exceptional purity and vibrancy, showcasing the true expression of Clare Valley's terroir.

This extended, wetter than usual ripening period allowed the grapes to develop complex flavours and aromas, while maintaining their signature acidity. The resulting wine displays remarkable freshness and energy.

This vintage is expected to age gracefully, although it is also highly enjoyable in its youth. Its lively and expressive nature makes it a delightful choice for immediate consumption, while its balance and structure suggest that it will continue to evolve and develop over the years.

## WINEMAKING

This inaugural release 2023 Basileus Clare Valley Riesling was hand picked in mid March and immediately pressed to juice with only the free run fraction retained. Fermentation was initiated under temperature controlled conditions to ensure maximum retention of the lively citrus and lime Characters. The result is a vibrant and refreshing white wine that showcases the region's renowned quality and character. Bottled whilst young and fresh.

## TASTING NOTES

With its pale straw colour, it entices the eye, while its aromatic bouquet captivates the senses. On the nose, delicate floral notes of jasmine and elderflower mingle with zesty citrus fruits like lime, lemon, and grapefruit, creating an inviting and lively aroma.

On the palate, this Riesling exhibits a perfect balance between its vibrant acidity and natural sweetness. The initial burst of citrus flavours, dominated by juicy lime and lemon zest, awakens the taste buds and provides a delightful tanginess. As the wine develops on the palate, hints of green apple and white peach emerge, adding a touch of fruitiness and complexity. The minerality characteristic of Clare Valley Rieslings shines through, lending a distinct sense of place and terroir.

This Riesling is best enjoyed in its youth when its flavours are at their peak. Its lively acidity and crisp finish make it a fantastic companion for a range of dishes, including fresh seafood, sushi, spicy Asian cuisine, and light salads. Its versatility also allows for enjoyable standalone sipping, making it a perfect choice for summer gatherings or relaxing moments.