

GROSSET

Grosset, `Apiana` Clare Valley 2015

PRODUCER

Jeffrey Grosset established his winery in 1981 in the historic township of Auburn, Clare Valley, 100 kilometres north of Adelaide. The winery is stylish and functional and reflects the attention to detail that extends to the Grosset estate-owned vineyards and winemaking. Jeff is best known for his iconic Rieslings, and he has almost single-handedly been responsible for the renaissance of Clare Valley Riesling. By combining a disciplined approach and decades of experience, Grosset consistently achieves the purest expression of variety and place.

VINEYARDS

The vines are planted on hard, slate-like red rock with a poor orange/red loam for topsoil, and are situated on a north-eastern extreme of the Watervale at 460m altitude. The Fiano is very low yielding (less than one bottle per vine), while the Semillon is low to medium vigour. The Fiano fits neatly into Grosset's philosophy of biodiversity and complexity in the vineyard.

VINTAGE

2015 was characterised as a fine, mild and early vintage. The Clare Valley had a very mild December, and a cooler January, with just enough rainfall to keep the vines healthy. Crop levels were below average, very even, and grapes were picked in excellent health. Harvest started on 8th February and was one of the earliest and most compressed in 35 years. Grapes were hand-harvested by a team of 60 workers, to ensure all the crop was picked at optimum condition.

VINIFICATION

The emphasis through winemaking is on achieving purity of fruit. The winemaking process is gentle and uncomplicated. The fruit was crushed and de-stemmed so the free run juice could be extracted. The Fiano and Semillon were fermented separately, and blended to taste. No fining agents were used.

TASTING NOTES

Restrained dried herb and beeswax aromas on the nose. Impressive weight and power on the palate in a dry and savoury style. Mouth-puckering intensity, generous flavour and lively zesty acidity.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Clare Valley, South Australia
Grape Varieties	62% Semillon 38% Fiano
Winemaker	Jeffrey Grosset
Features	Certified Organic
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Acidity	6.7g/L
Wine pH	3.16
Bottle Sizes	75cl