

# `Cordon Cut` Clare Valley Riesling 2017

Clare Valley, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Stephanie Toole
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	11.5%
Residual Sugar	185g/L
Acidity	8.9g/L
Wine pH	3.28
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

#### **PRODUCER**

Mount Horrocks Wines is run by proprietor/winemaker Stephanie Toole. Stephanie restricts production to approximately 2,500 cases per annum in order to achieve her aims of quality and single vineyard expression. Stephanie describes her wines as 'essentially hand made food wines with an emphasis on structure as well as generous fruit flavours'. All grapes are 100% estate grown from three separate vineyard sites totalling nearly 10 hectares which were 'A grade certified' by Australian Certified Organic and Biodynamic (ACO) in 2014 and 2021 respectively. Her persistence with classic, no-compromise winemaking and a fully integrated organic and biodynamic approach to growing and making sets Mount Horrocks apart from the mainstream.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The grapes were hand picked from the Mount Horrocks 'Cordon Cut' vineyard in Auburn, Clare Valley. In the winery, the bunches were gently handled under conditions that ensured the varietal and site-specific flavours in the resultant wine were retained.

#### **VINTAGE**

2017 harvest was later than in previous years, after a cool and slightly wetter summer and growing period. Fruit was in pristine condition at harvest.

## **VINIFICATION**

'Cordon Cut' refers to a unique process which involves cutting the canes when the grapes are ripe, allowing the remaining fruit to concentrate and raisin naturally on the vine. This results in intense flavour and richness. Stephanie's experience came into play once again, as the fermentation of fruit in five separate fermentation vats was halted when she determined the flavour to be right. Considerable residual sugar remained, with 185 grams per litre.

### **TASTING NOTES**

This wine is bright pale gold with floral and citrus Riesling aromas, intense and spicy. Delicious light lemon curd and vanilla notes, distinctive sweet lime and pear juice, at once delicate and intense, sensual on the tongue, long and fine with beautiful balance.