



Grape Varieties	100% Riesling
Winemaker	Tim Kirk
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	12.5%
Residual Sugar	5g/L
Acidity	7.6g/L
Wine pH	2.98
Notes	Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan

PRODUCER

Clonakilla is one of Australia's leading wine estates, with an enviable reputation for Shiraz/Viognier. In 1971, Dr John Kirk planted the Clonakilla vineyard at Murrumbateman, 40 kilometres north of Canberra, after his scientific curiosity led him to question why vines were not being grown in this area. His research showed that the soil and climate seemed suited to certain varieties. In 1991, Tim Kirk, the fourth of John's six sons, travelled to the Rhône Valley. There, he tasted several inspirational wines, including Marcel Guigal's single vineyard blends. Inspired by these Côte-Rôtie wines, he began including a small amount of Viognier in the Clonakilla Shiraz from 1992. Tim took over full responsibility for winemaking at the 12-hectare family farm in 1997. Clonakilla now produces about 12,000 cases annually, which sell out year after year.

VINEYARDS

Riesling has been grown at Clonakilla since 1971, and John Kirk used it to make the Canberra District's first commercial vintage in 1976. The fruit for the 2017 Riesling comes from estate owned vineyards around the winery, planted on fertile soils on a bed of decomposed granite. At 600 metres above sea level, the grapes benefit from a cool, continental climate, with warm days and cool nights that extend the ripening season.

VINTAGE

Winter rains set up an ideal growing season which sustained the fruit through a warm summer and classic cool climate ripening period. Harvest took place in March 2017.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were whole bunch pressed, with the clear juice fermented in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures. The wine was stabilised and bottled three months after picking, in June 2017.

TASTING NOTES

A pale straw green Riesling, with ripe lime, citrus and floral notes paving the way for a crisp, fresh palate. Beautiful natural, mineral acidity gives the wine great texture and length.