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## `Rockwood` Clare Valley Wild Shiraz 2022

Clare Valley, South Australia, Australia

# GROSSET



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Shiraz</b>
Winemaker	<b>Jeffrey Grosset</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>13.8%</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

### PRODUCER

Jeffrey Grosset's love of Riesling began at 15 when his father came home with a bottle to share with the family. This bottle was enough to inspire a young Jeffrey to enrol in the local agricultural college and complete qualifications in both Agriculture and Oenology by the age of 21. After honing his craft in Australia and Germany, he bought an old milk depot in the Clare Valley town of Auburn, founding his eponymous winery in 1981. Since then, through great skill and exceptional vineyard management, this old milk depot has been transformed into one of Australia's finest wineries. 'Polish Hill' Riesling has cult status and Jeffrey has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for producing world class, age-worthy wines.

### VINEYARDS

Rockwood Vineyard was planted between 2001 and 2018. The vineyard is an A-Grade Certified Organic and Biodynamic (ACO) vineyard and is planted at an elevation of 460 to 485 metres, slightly higher than the region's average. Situated in the north-eastern corner of the Watervale subregion, Rockwood's low fertility soils are composed of a mixture of gradational loam over hard red rock, with deep friable gradational clay loam. The vines have to work harder than those at Springvale, producing more concentration in the berries.

### VINTAGE

The season started with a dry, cool autumn, followed by heavy winter rainfall. Higher than average rain in spring led to decent soil moisture and well-irrigated vines. Budburst was delayed slightly and combined with a cool summer, led to one of the latest starts to the vintage in over a decade. Nonetheless, the region managed to escape damage from fire and hail. The grapes ripened gradually and vines ended up producing fruit with healthy natural acid levels and complex varietal character.

### VINIFICATION

Made without crushing the shiraz berries or the addition of yeast, the grapes were allowed to commence fermentation spontaneously. Bottled without fining or time in oak, this is a truly wild ferment wine made with minimal intervention.

### TASTING NOTES

Notes of delicate mulberry, black cherry and bramble fill the nose. Further black and dark fruits abound on the palate which is supple, with a fleshy texture, smooth mid-palate and fine yet firm tannins. The finish is long and balanced, with lingering spice.

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