

THISTLEDOWN



Wild & Wilder The Courtesan Riesling

2022

Clare Valley

The Courtesan is the epitome of good breeding. Wonderful posture, a delicacy of frame and a fragrance to haunt the most sated of olfactory functions. Behind closed doors though, the Courtesan shocks with its racy charms, flirting outrageously with “come-drink-me” eyes. Don’t be fooled, The Courtesan means business.

Tasting

A crisp, tangy and dry white wine with the typical Clare Riesling character of citrus, blossom and mineral hints. Deliciously juicy on the palate with wonderful, floral citrus fruit and mouthwatering freshness.

Viticulture

Fruit was sourced from one vineyard in the Southern end of the Valley, close to Auburn. Mature vines and a moderate season combined to ensure that the yields were very low and fruit concentrated.

Winemaking

Vinification, as one might expect with good fruit, is very simple. The grapes are picked in the cool of the morning and rapidly transported to the winery where they are lightly crushed and sent to press. For the Courtesan, we retain only the purest, free-run juice. The wine is fermented at a cool temperature to retain fruit profile and the finished wine is aged on its lees for 2-3 months before bottling.



Wine Analysis

Varietal: 100% Riesling

Alcohol: 12%

Total Acidity: 6.24 g/l

pH: 3.23

Residual Sugar: <1g/l

SO2: 98 mg/l



Vintage Conditions

2022 vintage followed in much the same vein as the much lauded 2021. A little later than normal but the season was characterised by regular moderate rainfall, friendly temperatures and an elongated ripening period which allowed for an even spread of fruit over the harvesting period. The wines are characterised by balanced, aromatic fruit profiles, crisp acids and a capacity for both youthful exuberance and ageing.

