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# E.B.'s THE SETTLER 2020 CLARE VALLEY RIESLING

## COMPOSITION:

100% Clare Valley Riesling

## VINEYARDS:

The fruit for this Riesling was chosen from our best vineyards in the Watervale district of the Clare Valley. These are exceptional and consistent vineyards that provide power and clarity of flavour.

## ANALYSIS:

Alcohol by volume: 11.4% | pH 3.04 | Acidity 6.7 grams per litre | Residual Sugar 3.5 grams per litre

## GROWING CONDITIONS:

2020 was again a dry vintage, with the growing season recording below average rainfall. Warm and windy conditions during flowering caused many vineyards to be inconsistent with fruit set, and hot conditions produced low crops with intense flavour. Good vineyard management in these times showed through, with good quality fruit producing wines with exceptional flavour.

## WINEMAKING:

The Riesling grapes were handpicked in the early morning, when the temperatures are at their coolest. Crushing and pressing of the chilled fruit occurred immediately with the aim of limiting any skin contact. After an extended cold settling, the clean racked juice was fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks, and then chilled immediately after fermentation to retain and protect the varietal aromas, and remain pristine until bottling in mid-2020.

## WINEMAKERS TASTING NOTES:

This wine is the fifth release of E.B.'s 'The Settler' Riesling, with all five vintages based around the WSS vineyard at Watervale.

This wine shows a lovely pale straw with an iridescent green hue. On the nose there is intense lime zest, honey suckle, green apple skin and a hint of lemon bath salts and dried apricots. The tight focused palate shows amazing lemon pith, grapefruit, and floral notes, with mouth-watering acidity bringing the wine together on the finish.

## CELLAR POTENTIAL:

This wine can be enjoyed today or will develop beautifully over the next 15 years.

Tasted October 2020

