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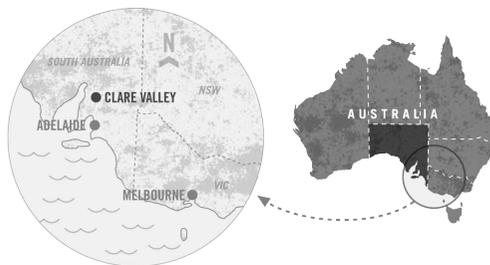
MORT'S RESERVE  
RIESLING



An icon of the Kilikanoon stable, this refined wine is an ode to the place, its people and their vision. This wine is named after our founding winemaker's father, Mort Mitchell. Mort is a vigneron who established many of the original vineyards of Kilikanoon. This single vineyard wine is grown, fermented and cellared with the

### PLACE

Sourced solely from the famed Mort's Block Vineyard in the Clare Valley sub-region of Watervale, the Mort's Reserve is a true expression of this revered single vineyard. The vines were planted in 1970, into red loamy topsoil over a deep limestone base and east-west row orientation creating the perfect resource from which to craft this wine.



### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

With low winter rainfall and a warm start to spring, the 2018 season was keenly anticipated after the harsh conditions of the prior season. The warm weather saw bud burst occurring a couple of weeks prior to previous years and continued into the New Year with a welcomed few days of rain in mid-January to revitalise the vines. These ideal conditions resulted in full bunches of Riesling grapes which ripened at a slow and consistent pace.

### WINEMAKING

Fruit for this Reserve wine was picked on the 28th of February, a full five days earlier than the rest of Mort's Block. The whole bunches were then gently pressed, and the free-run juice cold settled for three days before being racked to stainless-steel tanks for fermentation. The fermentation was undertaken at low temperatures, and continued for 14 days naturally finishing dry. The wine was then chilled and allowed to naturally clarify.

### COLOUR

Pale straw with youthful green tints, and brilliant clarity.

### NOSE

Soft and alluring aromas of cherry blossom with subtle citrus notes.

### PALATE

A seamlessly refined wine with flavours of freshly cut lime and ripe grapefruit rind that are underpinned by a delicious saline note. The tightly wound core of natural acidity delivers above expectation with firm but flowing weight that is long and persistent.

### GRAPE VARIETY

Riesling

### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 12.5%  
Acidity: 7.3 g/L  
Residual Sugar: 1.1 g/L

### CELLARING/PEAK DRINKING

Now until 2040

### WINEMAKERS

Peter Warr & Kirby Graudins



### LAST TASTED

25th June 2021

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