

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2020 'THE MERLE' RESERVE RIESLING

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Named after family matriarch, 'The Merle' is selected from the best parcels of Riesling from our Polish Hill River Estate. We are aiming for the purest expression of Polish Hill Riesling for this wine.

Our winemaking approach is designed to capture the flavour of each individual site with minimal winemaking influence. The Merle represents the pinnacle of Riesling at Pikes, showing concentration, sense of place and purity.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown

Variety: Riesling

Vintage: 2020

Region: Clare Valley

Fermentation: 100% free run juice, neutral yeast, stainless steel on lees for 3 months prior to bottling

Alc/Vol 12% **RS** 3.1 g/L

pH 2.93 **TA** 8.23 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Brilliant pale straw with green hues.

Aroma: Refined and delicate aromas of freshly cut lime, citrus blossom. There are some mineral notes that speak to origin of the wine. complex aromas of caraway seed add to the mix.

Palate: Mouth watering from the start, a highly concentrated mix of sweet lime, bright acid and talcy texture. A long dry finish completes the experience.

Summary: Like all our reserve wines, the Merle is only produced in exceptional vintages. This release is proving to be extremely drinkable on release but will easily cellar for 10 years plus. Enjoy with Kingfish Sashimi.

ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach. A style that celebrates this special place we call home

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Tasting Room: 10am – 4pm daily

SLATE Restaurant, open for lunch: 12pm – 3pm, Thursday – Sunday

