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DANCING QUEEN CLARE VALLEY RIESLING 2021

"Dancing Queen sure is no 'has been', teasing with a Riesling."

VINTAGE INFORMATION

The 2021 vintage is described by local winemakers as 'Classic Clare' with cool and dry conditions producing solid yields and fruit with great varietal character and natural acidity. Rainfall during Winter and Spring lead to early canopy growth before drier weather in November ensured conditions were ideal for flowering.

Bunch sizes were higher than crop estimates in most varieties, with overall yields the best since 2018. The slower ripening and longer growing season with mild weather conditions combined to produce wonderful wines with varietal character and outstanding middle pallet development. The 2021 vintage is being hailed across South Australia as 'one for the ages' with the Clare proving no exception.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a youthful light straw with green hues. A wonderful varietal aroma displaying orange blossom, lime zest, a hint of musk lolly and green pear which opens up to tropical fruits and a talc minerality. Immediately showing its varietal and regional pedigree with balanced acidity, citrus and green apple flavours.

With time in the glass, complex pear and pineapple flavours are revealed hinting at a long and interesting future for this wine. The acidity on the palate finishes almost unexpectedly gentle, adding to its youthful drinkability.

"Enjoy with pickled octopus, goats cheese, roast snapper, Thai cooked fish with spice and tamarind."

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Winemakers: Geoff Merrill & Scott Heidrich

Variety: Riesling

Region: Clare Valley

Oak Treatment: No oak was used in the production of this wine.

Harvest Date: March 2021

Alc: 11.5%, **pH:** 3.00, **TA:** 7.90 g/L, **RS:** 1.6 g/L

