



Annie's Lane
CLARE VALLEY

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Annie's Lane Quelltaler Watervale Shiraz Cabernet 2010

In the early days of winemaking in the Clare Valley the local community would often help each other during the busy times of the season. After delivering lunches to workers pruning vines in the middle of winter one year, Annie Wayman's horse-drawn cart struck difficulty in negotiating the muddy track back to her cottage. From that day on, the track has been affectionately known as Annie's Lane, and today borders one of our major vineyards in the Clare Valley.

This wine finely balances the richness of Shiraz with the structure of Cabernet Sauvignon. Plums, raspberries, red and blackcurrants, mulberries, and spices along with chalky fine tannins.

Viticulture

Watervale is a unique region within the Clare Valley. The soils comprise of friable red clay loam over a limestone base, allowing for perfect drainage and natural low vigour to achieve high quality fruit.

Favourable weather conditions and quality fruit were consistent across the Clare Valley for the 2009/2010 season, ensuring an exceptional 2010 vintage for the region. Rainfalls in Spring filled dams and allowed for good subsoil water levels. Invariable warm days and mild evenings during the ripening season were conducive to excellent flavour and berry development.

Winemaking

The 2010 vintage in Watervale produced wonderfully varietal grapes that display richness and purity. Individual vineyards that produce distinctive fruit characters within Watervale were harvested into 10t open fermenters. Following fermentation, these parcels remained separate and matured in large format oak including vats. This blend reflects the wines of the past and respects the attributes that make Watervale unique.

Winemaker

Alex MacKenzie

Cellaring

To be enjoyed now and will develop complexity with careful cellaring.

Suggested Food

Ideal with char grilled Portuguese marinated chicken, zucchini and corn on the cob.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date: February 2010

pH: 3.55

Acidity: 6.3g/L

Alcohol: 14.5%

RS: 0.6g/L

Bottling Date: September 2011

