



Annie's Lane  
CLARE VALLEY

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### **Annie's Lane Quelltaler Watervale Sparkling Shiraz Non Vintage**

*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.*

*In 2001, a parcel from our Watervale vineyard displayed an overwhelming Kalamata olive aromas. From that time, these parcels were kept separate and matured in seasoned barrels, before being sent in for secondary fermentation in bottle.*

*The Annie's Lane Sparkling Shiraz has lifted aromas including black olives, figs and Christmas cake spices. The well structured palate is layered with plums, cassis, citrus rind and dried currants balanced by dusty tannins that linger to deliver a complex wine with great length.*

#### **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.*

#### **Winemaking**

*Blending Shiraz that has matured in bottle on yeast lees from different vintages has added texture and complexity to the wine while retaining vibrant fruit flavours. This wine is a combination of vintages that has an average age greater than 5 years.*

#### **Winemaker**

*Alex MacKenzie*

#### **Cellaring**

*Released in October 2011, under crown seal, this wine is drinking superbly now and will reward with further cellar age.*

#### **Suggested Food**

*Versatile- suits most celebratory occasions including Christmas lunch and the friendly bbq dinner.*

#### **Technical Analysis**

*Harvest Date: Average age greater than 5 years.*

*pH:*

*Acidity: g/L*

*Alcohol: 13.7%*

*RS: g/L*

*Bottling Date: October 2011*

