



Annie's Lane
CLARE VALLEY

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Annie's Lane Clare Valley Botrytis Riesling 2013

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.

The 2013 Annie's Lane Botrytis Riesling is amber in colour with honey hues. The nose offers aromas of orange rind, apricot and dried flowers. The palate has a wonderful balance of fruit sweetness and fresh acidity with lingering lemon citrus flavours.

Viticulture

Sourced from a single vineyard in Polish Hill River, Clare Valley. Over the years, we have selected a vineyard for the purpose of making a dessert style Riesling wine. The great sweet wines of the world are made from grapes affected by a fungus called Botrytis cinerea known more commonly as Noble Rot. This desirable Botrytis growth only occurs when wet conditions prevail during the period of grape ripening followed by low humidity.

Winemaking

In 2013, this Riesling vineyard, located in Polish Hill River, showed early Botrytis infection and the decision was made to leave the fruit on the vine to make a dessert style wine. On the 30th May, 9 tonnes of fruit were hand picked. Following pressing over a couple days, the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks and then racked and filtered to bottling.

Winemaker

Alex MacKenzie

Cellaring

Drinking wonderfully now and will develop further complexity with careful cellaring.

Suggested Food

Best served slightly chilled with lemon tart.

Technical Analysis

Harvest Date: 30th May 2013

pH: 3.30

Acidity: 6.2g/L

Alcohol: 9%

RS: 108g/L

Bottling Date: September 2013

