

THE NOBLE WRINKLED

Riesling 2017

Adelaide Hills, Riesling (100%)



The Name

Grapes affected with Botrytis are small and wrinkly, inspiring the name of this wine, which was originally released in 1985 as The Noble Riesling.

The Vintage

A healthy winter and plenty of spring rains set the vines up very well. Bud burst was on time, but very cool for the first part of spring. Shoots grew to 5 or 6 inches long and then stopped for a month. Flowering was quite late, by three weeks, which meant a late start to harvest, and long, slow ripening periods. The summer rains stopped in mid-January, so disease pressure was low. It was very dry from February to April, with only a few millimetres of rain. Days were mild with a lot of cool nights, the first few weeks of April was around two degrees hotter than usual, which help that last bits of fruit to ripen. Overall, a great vintage with minimal disease pressure and above average crop levels.

The Winemaking

Botrytis Cinerea, affectionately known as Noble Rot, weakens grape skins causing water to evaporate which results in sweet, concentrated flavours. These shrivelled berries are basket pressed before a long fermentation, resulting in a luscious wine with intense richness and viscosity.

The Characteristics

Bright yellow-gold, this wine is clean, super concentrated and extremely refreshing. Highly aromatic with poached pear, toffee and beeswax, with a hint of white flowers. A mouthwatering explosion of honeydew and orange zest. An amazing accompaniment to dessert.



Alcohol	11.5%	Residual sugar	195.0 g/L
Titrateable acid	12.9	pH	3.25
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton