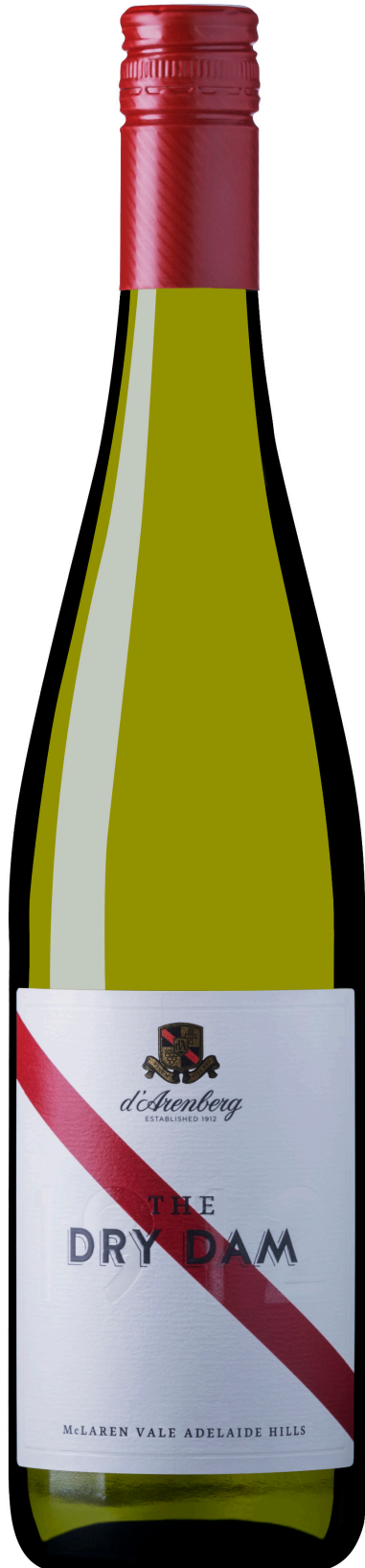


# THE DRY DAM



## Riesling 2025

*McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills, Riesling (100%)*

### The Name

In 1992 our neighbours built a dam that remained empty, as it was a dry winter. The next year it rained but the dam was jinxed and didn't hold water. A dry dam is bad news for our neighbouring farmers, but promises good results for our old, dry-grown, low-yielding vines.

### The Vintage

Every month was a few degrees warmer than average right from August to April. A small amount of frost reduced yields in some places. Rainfall was considerably down which meant disease pressure was low. The dry warm season has had a significant impact on grape yields in some vineyards in McLaren Vale this year, however many of our vineyards had very good yields. Fortunately with there being marginal heat spikes the leaves and grapes didn't suffer negative quality impacts. Whites are very characterful, which particularly suits Rhone whites and Fiano. Other whites still look good. Another high quality Riesling year with no sunburn. Red wine styles show a big change from the last 4, elegant, cool years. They are outstanding. Very dark and concentrated with lovely fruit characters and length.

### The Winemaking

Small batches of grapes are gently crushed, chilled, and then basket pressed. The fermentation was long and cool, and was stopped before reaching total dryness to ensure that residual sugar remains to balance the high mineral acidity.

### The Characteristics

Bright pale straw in colour. The nose lifts with vibrant aromas of lemon, lime, and crisp Granny Smith apple. The palate is generous and refreshing, bursting with flavours of lemon sherbet, lime zest, and crunchy green apple. A zippy acid line perfectly balances the natural sweetness of this off-dry style, creating energy and tension through the finish. A summer favourite, excellent with spicy or seafood dishes, or simply enjoyed on its own.



Harvest dates	24 Jan - 28 Feb	Alcohol	10.5%
Residual sugar	14.5 g/l	Titrateable acid	7.8
pH	2.82		
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton