

## 2022 ALISON BOTRYTIS RIESLING

### PAULETT'S CLARE VALLEY RANGE WINES

#### COLOUR

Pale straw yellow

#### NOSE

A complex, aromatic nose of sweet lime juice, mandarin, honey, ginger spice, and white floral notes.

#### PALATE

Luscious and rich flavours of ripe citrus, fresh sweet apricots, marmalade, and fleshy pear. Sugar and acidity work in harmony to produce a perfectly balanced finish.

#### WINEMAKING

To enhance the botrytis characteristics in this wine, we cut the canes once the flavour and balance were right and left them to hang for a few weeks, allowing the mould to shrivel the fruit and concentrate the flavour. Grapes were hand-harvested and left to soak in the press overnight to help extract more sugar before pressing the following morning. The juice was cold-settled, then inoculated with a pure yeast strain isolated from Sauternes. Fermentation was stopped early to retain natural sugar.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy with a tangy lemon tart or a fine blue cheese.

#### VINTAGE

The best winter rains for several years meant the vines emerged from dormancy into budburst with the soil profile full of moisture. An official La Niña weather event led to a cool, wetter-than-average spring, promoting good canopy growth. Some minor frost damage occurred at our Watervale vineyard in October. Most of the flowering took place in late November and early December during a rare dry, calm period, resulting in good fruit set and an above-average crop. December was very dry, with less than 1 mm of rain recorded. Above-average rainfall in January and February helped the vines through veraison, leading to the largest crop loads since 2017. March and April remained dry, providing ideal conditions for the bulk of the harvest.

#### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**ELITE GOLD - 96 Points** | 2022 Canberra International Riesling Challenge

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**TROPHY - Best Sweet Riesling** | 2023 Canberra International Riesling Challenge

**TROPHY - Best Australian Riesling** | 2023 Canberra International Riesling Challenge

**TROPHY - Best Wine of the 2023 Challenge** | 2023 Canberra International Riesling Challenge

**TOP GOLD - 96 Points** | 2023 Clare Valley Wine Show

**TROPHY - Best Sweet Wine of show** | 2023 Clare Valley Wine Show

**Gold Medal** | 2023 Global Fine Wine Challenge

**94/100** | 2023 Real Review

#### QUICK NOTES

##### Variety:

100% Riesling

##### Fruit Source:

Watervale in the Clare Valley

##### Bottled:

July 2025

##### Alcohol:

8.5%

##### Standard Drinks:

5.0

##### pH:

2.93

##### Reducing Sugar:

161 g/L

##### Cellaring:

Drink now or cellar and add further complexity

