



*Reillys*  
CLARE VALLEY

## **MEDIA RELEASE : In Riesling Heartland a Cabernet is declared King!**

**The prestigious "Brother John May Wine of Provenance Trophy" for the Clare Valley's best wine over a decade has been awarded to Reillys Wines for their Dry Land Cabernet Sauvignon at the 2015 Clare Valley Wine Show.**



The Clare Valley is renowned for Riesling with many believing Riesling would always win this particular accolade. And yet, Reillys' current release 2012 Dry Land Cabernet coupled with the 2005 and 2002 vintages outshone the best that Clare had on offer.

Reillys owner and winemaker Justin Ardill was the most surprised of all. On acceptance of this great honour, he thanked his good friend and long standing grower Robert Smyth acknowledging the essence of the winning wine is in the vineyard:

*"The fruit for Dry Land Cabernet is a blend of the Smyth block in Leasingham and the old vines planted around Reillys cellar door in Mintaro. The unique terroir and the low yielding vines combine to produce a rich full bodied style. In the winery we aim to extract full fruit and tannin characters with maturation for 2 years in fine French oak adding depth and complexity. The wines are intense in their youth but with age, they mellow and soften without losing their varietal authenticity".*

In fact, the judges commented on how there remained rich varietal fruit character in the 2002 Cabernet.

The award reinforces Reillys presence in the arena as one of the premium producers in Australia. It follows on the success in the 2014 and 2015 Adelaide Wine Show results with Gold awarded for each year's current release Riesling.

In August 2015 James Halliday elevated Reillys Wines to a 5 star winery and nominated it as one of the Top 10 Dark Horses for 2016.

The most pleasing award of all for Justin and Julie is the Brother John May Trophy - "Brother May remains a legend in the local industry and has been a great supporter of Reillys since our inception 22 years ago."

The Clare Valley remains a most prominent region for Riesling production but in 2015 there emerges an unlikely new king - Reillys Dry Land Cabernet Sauvignon.

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