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CLARE VALLEY

## 2000 Watervale Riesling

As you sip on one of our oldest wines, it is the perfect time to take a moment and reflect on how Reillys Riesling has changed and developed since it's first vintage in 1994.

Yes, that's right - 1994 - that's 25 years of winemaking experience using the exquisite fruit from the renowned Riesling growing region Watervale, Clare Valley. That first vintage back in '94 yielded just 300 doz and made up a third of the total vintage production for that year (the other two wines were Grenache and Shiraz).

In 1998 we began sourcing fruit from our good mate and viticulturalist Rob Smyth's vineyard in Watervale, before planting Riesling in our St Clare vineyard just up the road in 1999. Year on year, our Riesling is crafted using the best grapes from each of these sites.

In 2003, this wine received a Gold Medal at the Royal Adelaide Wine Show, little did we know at the time that this was just the beginning in the success story for our Watervale Riesling.

The 2004 vintage was the first to use a screwcap and this changed the game for ageing Clare Valley Riesling. The screwcap provided a more reliable closure, keeping the young wines fresh and allowing them to age gracefully in the bottle without risk of cork taint, leaks or other faults. 2004 was also the year that our Watervale Riesling took out the Mick Knapstein Trophy at the Clare Valley Wine Show making it the Top Riesling of Show – a pretty big deal in the home of Australian riesling.

Year after year the awards and accolades continued with consistent scores over 90 points from Mr James Halliday and Gold Medals at the Canberra International Riesling Challenge, Adelaide Wine Show and Clare Valley Wine Show, with the stand out vintage being 2010.

2010 also saw the creation of our Sparkling Riesling followed by our first release Cane Cut Riesling in 2013, proving the versatility of the Riesling fruit.



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## A Brief History of Reillys Watervale Riesling

- 1994** | First vintage of 300 dozen
- 1998** | First vintage using fruit from Smyth's vineyard
- 2003** | GOLD MEDAL – 2003 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
- 2004** | Mick Knapstein TROPHY for Best Riesling in Show – 2004 Clare Valley Wine Show
- 2005** | GOLD MEDAL – 2011 Canberra International Riesling Challenge
- 2006** | GOLD MEDALS – 2013 Canberra International Riesling Challenge & 2012 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
- 2007** | 4.5 STARS - James Halliday
- 2009** | Equal Top in Class – 2010 Cairns Wine Awards
- 2010** | TOP GOLD MEDAL – 2011 Canberra International Riesling Challenge  
GOLD MEDAL – 2010 Clare Valley Wine Show  
GOLD MEDAL – 2010 Australian Small Winemakers Show
- 2011** | 91 POINTS – James Halliday  
Museum Release | Riesling of the Year Trophy, 2018 Winestate Wine of the Year Awards
- 2012** | GOLD MEDAL – 2012 Royal Hobart Wine Show  
Museum Release | 5 STARS & TOP IN CATEGORY - Winestate Magazine
- 2013** | 93 POINTS – James Halliday
- 2014** | 95 POINTS – James Halliday, GOLD MEDAL – 2014 Royal Adelaide Wine Show
- 2015** | 95 POINTS – James Halliday, GOLD MEDALS – 2015 Royal Adelaide Wine Show & 2015 Clare Valley Wine Show
- 2016** | 92 POINTS – James Halliday
- 2017** | 94 POINTS – James Halliday, GOLD MEDAL – 2017 Canberra International Riesling Challenge
- 2018** | 5 STARS & TOP IN CATEGORY - Winestate Magazine

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