



# Mr. Riggs

## 2009 Mr. Riggs Watervale Riesling

### History

From the outset, producing a Riesling from Australia's best Riesling region was on the list of icon wines to be pursued by winemaker Ben Riggs. Harvesting fruit from the Churinga vineyard (Kate's Block and The Shed Block) at Watervale (Clare Valley) was an opportunity not to be missed.

### Vineyards

The winemaking talents of Ben Riggs and Kerri Thompson were originally combined many vintages ago at Wirra Wirra. Now the production of this wine shows the Riggs/Thompson winemaking talents once again united, using Riesling from Watervale, a sub-region of Clare, South Australia; a region that is home to some of the best Rieslings in the world.

The vines are planted by single cordon trellising, traditional to the Clare region. Hand pruning allows the best possible shaping and opening of the canopy, to maximise sunlight for growth and even ripening of the grapes.

The region's overall warm climate and meagre rainfall combine with soils of red loam over limestone to consistently produce distinctive wine characters of generous lime and citrus persuasions, plus a regional reputation for wines that develop and age well.

### Wine

The wonderfully delicate nose carries citrus and soft floral characters seamlessly to the palate. Here, the mouthfeel is abundantly vibrant and lifted offering lemon and lime carefully balanced with bright fresh, full fruit sweetness. From the cooler sub-region of Watervale, south of Clare, the Rieslings are crisp, tangy and delicate and this example is no exception. A true expression of vineyards and vintage, Mr. Riggs Watervale Riesling 2009 represents precisely place and time.

### Technical Details

pH level:	2.91
Acid:	6.89g/L
Alc/vol:	12%
Bottling date:	18th May 2009
Production:	1,352 cases
Winemaker:	Ben Riggs