

WAKEFIELD ESTATE LABEL RIESLING

2022/\$18.99



DESCRIPTION

Situated in the heart of South Australia's beautiful Clare Valley, Wakefield has become one of Australia's best loved and most trusted wineries. The tale of Wakefield's wine-making goes back a few years – three generations in fact, and all began with Bill Taylor Sr., and his love of a certain Bordeaux wine.

Originally wine merchants in Sydney, a passion for wine was all part of being a Taylor, and in particular, for the famous French Clarets such as Chateau Mouton Rothschild in Bordeaux's Medoc region. It was this long held fascination for these wines which inspired the family's foray into winemaking, and provides the inspiration and winemaking philosophy behind all Wakefield's winemaking today – to produce premium wines of exceptional and comparable quality in Australia.

It was a single wine - a first growth Bordeaux - which inspired Bill Taylor to take the plunge and to purchase a block of land in the Clare Valley and set about crafting a quality wine, which reflected the terroir and could rival its 'old world' Cabernet Sauvignons.

Almost four decades later, the company remains family owned and the philosophy unchanged. Admittedly, the winery now plants a little more than just cabernet sauvignon – with nearly 750 hectare of vineyards in the Clare Valley, the family excels in a number of different varieties to make up its extensive, award winning portfolio – from terrific value, everyday drinking wines to the finest Australian wines at the pinnacle of the Wakefield portfolio.

The same philosophy runs religiously through the family tree today. Following his father's

and grandfather's footsteps, third generation winemaker Mitchell Taylor is well aware of his heritage, and passionate in its continuance. A blend of 'old world' estate philosophy and 'new world' winemaking innovation, combined with an almost fanatical attention to detail and obsession with quality, has kept this dream alive, and resulted in wines of tremendous style and quality.

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This wine is 100% Riesling grapes from two sites. The grapes are harvested 75% from Clare Valley and 25% from Adelaide Hills.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

It has a very pale straw color and subtle green highlights to the edges. Kaffir lime and lemon characters abound, followed by layers of subtle orange blossom and enticing floral talc nuances.

Palate:

The palate's cheek-sucking acidity is a little jarring after that, even shrill. But there's a touch of sweetness, some textural weight and a lovely, lingering floral note. Through the mid-palate there is excellent fruit presence with zesty fresh lemon and lime characters. The finish is crisp, clean and persistent.

Pairing:

Dry Rieslings pair well with fried or spicy foods, fish dishes, sushi, seafood, pork, poultry, and creamy sauces.

Winery Website: [Home page wakefield \(wakefieldwines.com\)](http://wakefieldwines.com)

Fun Facts

Riesling possesses a remarkable ability to reflect the character of wherever it is grown while still maintaining its identity. A regal variety of incredible purity and precision, this versatile grape can be just as enjoyable dry or sweet, young or old, still or sparkling and **can age longer than nearly any other white variety**. Given how difficult it is to discern the level of sweetness in a Riesling from the label, here are some clues to find the dry ones. First, look for the word "trocken." ("Halbtrocken" or "feinherb" mean off-dry.) Also a higher abv usually indicates a drier Riesling.



Clare Valley & Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia

