

2017 RIESLING FREAK WINES NO. 5

RIESLING FREAK WINES, CLARE VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



THE WINE:

100% Riesling from the families estate vineyard, called White Hutt, in the Clare Valley. The grapes are picked a bit early to preserve acidity and maintain lower alcohol levels. Then the wine is fermented in stainless steel until it reaches approximately 10% alcohol when the fermentation is halted with somewhere around 15 grams per liter of residual sugars remaining. The style is often called off-dry and pays homage to the great Mosel River Valley Riesling Kabinett wines of Germany.

THE ESTATE:

Rieslingfreak wines are the inspiration of John Hughes. Born on a small vineyard in the Clare Valley and instilled with a love of wine at an early age John quickly discovered his passion for the Riesling varietal. After honing his skill as a winemaker for many vintages his first wine under the Rieslingfreak label was made in 2009 with a Clare Valley Riesling. Today he produces a range of wines, all Riesling, from both Clare Valley and Eden Valley with a focus on classic dry Riesling styles. The range also includes an off-dry Riesling, a fortified wine and a sparkling wine all made from small, sustainably grown Riesling vineyards. The philosophy is to represent the hallmarks of a single region and a single noble varietal with traditional, iconic winemaking.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: platinum silver / gold

Aromas: Meyer lemon , granny smith apple and hints of oil-rich shale

Flavor & Texture: tart citrus flavors up front lead to hints of sweetness on the back end; the prevalent acidity keeps the wine fresh and lively

Food Pairing: spicy Szechuan shrimp

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