

# PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

## 2022 'THE MERLE' RESERVE RIESLING

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Good winter rain allowed soil profiles to be full, giving the vines a great start to the growing season. Remarkably cool summer followed, providing perfect conditions for healthy vines to produce fruit with high natural acidity and concentrated flavours. One of the better vintages of the last decade.

Named after family matriarch, 'The Merle' is selected from the best parcels of Riesling from our Polish Hill River Estate. This wine is intended to showcase the purest expression our estate grown Riesling from the vintage.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Fruit Source:** Estate Grown

**Variety:** Riesling

**Vintage:** 2022

**Region:** Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

**Fermentation:** 100% free run juice, fermented with neutral yeast in stainless steel, 4 months on lees post fermentation

**Alc/Vol** 11.5%    **RS** 3.1 g/L

**pH** 2.96        **TA** 8.6 g/L

### ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach.

### Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: open daily, from 10am - 4pm

Slate Restaurant: Lunch from 12pm Thu - Sun, Dinner from 6pm Sat

### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Brilliant clarity, slight green hues.

**Aroma:** Highly perfumed, lifted floral notes of citrus blossom with a lime juice focus. Some talcy elements hinting at minerality.

**Palate:** Refined yet powerful. A medley of lime flavours; juice, zest and leaf. Focussed yet approachable acid line reminiscent of crunchy granny smith apples. A very long finish showing the hallmark balance of fruit, acid and talcy textures that are markers of a truly great vintage.

**Summary:** Like all our reserve wines, the Merle is only produced in exceptional vintages. This is a supreme vintage, and whilst drinking beautifully upon release, it will reward cellaring of 15+ years. As a young wine it is a perfect accompaniment to freshly shucked oysters or kingfish sashimi, with age it will pair with a broader range of dishes.

