



Highlights from the Press – Jim Barry Wines 2021

WHITE WINES



Jim Barry Wines Watervale Riesling, Clare Valley, 2021

[93] *Wine Advocate*

Where the 2020 Watervale Riesling is rich and powerful, this 2021 Watervale Riesling is totally in line with the cool and excellent season that was 2021. Mineral, cohesive, harmonious, long and complex, this punches way above its weight as a value wine and shows the concentration and succulence of Clare Valley hand in glove with the taut, citrus acidity. *December 2022*

[93 points Silver] *Halliday Wine Companion*

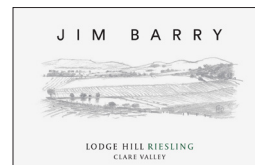
You've gotta love 2021. Yes. Laser-fine acidity courses across the palate, leaving ice-skate tracks in its wake. The fruit is all about desert lime and Pink Lady apples. Again – yes. *Erin Larkin, August 3, 2022*

[93] *James Suckling*

Aromas of apple, sliced pear and lime, as well as a gently spicy and floral thread. The palate has flavors that range from lime to white peach. Very juicy and attractive. Acidity is a feature. *April 2022*

[89] *Wine Enthusiast* — Best Buy —

Clean, fresh and delicately aromatic, this classic Clare Riesling, from one of the region's best-known producers, offers notes of lime sorbet and honeysuckle with a stony mineral note beneath. Still a baby, it's a dry, crisp racy style that shouldn't be drunk too chilled. Pair with a spicy Thai curry. *December 2023*



Jim Barry Wines Lodge Hill Riesling, Clare Valley, 2021

[97] *James Suckling*

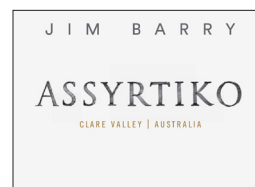
Super-fresh and intense with lime peel, lime juice and sweetly floral fragrance on offer. This is impressively crisp in the mouth and has a taut, fine yet powerful stance, driving pure lime flavors long. Acidity is a feature. Drink or hold. *December 2021*

[93 points Silver] *Halliday Wine Companion*

This is poised, mineral and superfine. The fruit is restrained, and spools out over the cool finish. You know though, it's deceptive, because the fruit isn't so obvious or upfront, yet it is still concentrated, and lingers long after the wine has gone. Very, very pretty. *Erin Larkin, June 16, 2022*

[91] *Decanter*

A classic Clare Valley Riesling with petrol and flinty minerals on the nose, in addition to waxy green apple, lime and a touch of earthiness. Green fruits and a hint of beeswax on the bone-dry palate, with salinity and a solid streak of acidity as the backbone. A reliable pairing partner for seafood and a light salad. *October 2022*



Jim Barry Wines Assyrtiko, Clare Valley, 2021

[95 points Gold Medal] *Royal Melbourne Wine Awards*

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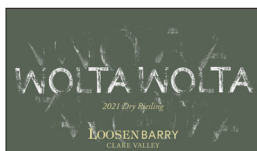
Jim Barry Wines The Florita Riesling, Clare Valley, 2021

[97 points Gold] *Halliday Wine Companion*

Startling clarity, and scintillating, persuasive power. It will live forever and a day, and I bet at Cellar Release time in 2027, when we see this wine again, you will be thanking your lucky stars you stocked up now, in 2022. *May 2022*

[92] *Decanter*

Savoury nose with notes of lime juice, lemon pith and hints of flowers and wet stones. Crisp and refreshing, showing oily notes and a bright aftertaste. *February 2022*

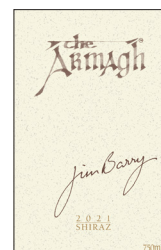


LoosenBarry Wolta Wolta Riesling, 2021

[96] *Decanter*

The flavor profile shows an unusual, exotic character with traces of pithy citrus, quince, a lick of oyster shell, plus subtle melon and nectarine nuances, along with a slatey minerality. It's the luscious, oily texture that is most arresting, with lush fruitiness balanced by a pliable core of juicy acidity that elongates the complex meld before a puckering dry finish. *December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly*

RED WINES

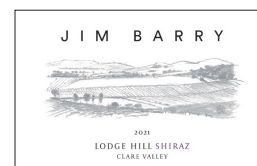


Jim Barry Wines The Armagh Shiraz, Clare Valley, 2021

[98] *Decanter*

A special vintage perfectly captures The Armagh Vineyard's particular signature of heady wild herbs, powerful black fruits and rich red earth. A big licorice lift in the aromas supports a swirling palate that unfurls layers of dark chocolate, tobacco and nutmeg on a brooding foundation of rich berry compote. Bright acidity and firm tannin ensure great tension, as waves of bright red and purple fruit swirl all the way to the tail of this wine, where its character shines brightest. A gnarly blackberry grip and firm tannins hang tough on that tail, with determined persistence that suggests decades ahead in the cellar.

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Jim Barry Wines Lodge Hill Shiraz, Clare Valley, 2021

[94] *James Suckling*

Explosive mulberry fruit is married to a medium body and full vibrant tannins in this compact and energetic Clare Valley Shiraz. Slight sappiness at the long, very fresh finish. Drink or hold. *October 2022*

[93 points Silver Medal] *Royal Melbourne Wine Awards*

[90] *Decanter*

The big-volume Shiraz within the Jim Barry portfolio speaks directly to drinkers who want big-fruited generosity without the weight of excessive alcohol. Planted in 1979 on the Lodge Hill Vineyard, east of Clare, the vines produce fruit that smells of ripe cherries, plums and a pinch of star anise. The mid-palate structure is held firm by fine-grained tannins. It's no surprise that this wine has won the most gold medals for Jim Barry at Australian wine shows. What is surprising is its modest price for such a smart wine. *December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly*

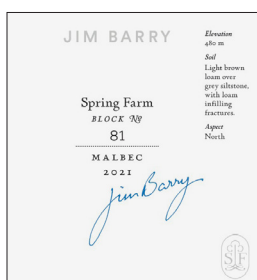
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Jim Barry Wines Spring Farm Block 73 Shiraz, 2021

[96] *Decanter*

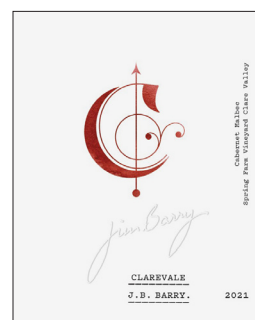
Lighter and more lively than a lot of Clare Shiraz, this single-block wine has a bright herbal nose to complement its bright purple fruit. Grown at an altitude of 495m on a south-westerly aspect, these vines enjoy cooler temperatures that promote longer ripening and a more restrained flavor profile. The resulting wine has an energy and vitality that speaks of a smart new style of superior Australian Shiraz, characterized by a lean, feisty personality. Its vibrant fruit is sprightly, carrying an easy, unforced savoriness in the belly of the mid-palate. Soft, supple tannins have not been exaggerated by too much new oak. Its long flavors and tight construction suggest great cellaring potential. *December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly*



Jim Barry Wines Spring Farm Block 81 Malbec, 2021

[95] *Decanter*

This new single-block wine is a statement to reinforce a largely overlooked traditional strength of Clare — the luscious body and powerful drive of rich Malbec. From a protected cooler block on the Spring Farm Vineyard that consistently produces small, concentrated berries, this wine carries a huge perfume of dark purple fruits framed by a whiff of Australian eucalyptus. Its lean, tight entry opens to a more complex mid-palate of chocolate, rosewater and cedar, rolling around red plum and blackberry and kept in line by robust, chewy tannins. It's quite dignified — a wine of aspiration that insists Malbec from Clare deserves its place on a high pedestal. *December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly*



Jim Barry Wines Clarevale Cabernet Malbec, 2021

[97] *Decanter*

Constructed with elite grape parcels from a superior vintage, its lively wrestle of components shows Malbec's rich florals riding atop bright red Cabernet berries, with a hint of menthol at the seams. Going for leanness and elegance rather than heft, luscious redcurrant, raspberry and blackberry fruitiness fills the front-palate, but then Malbec edges its way to center stage, shaping a rounded mid-palate savoriness with a spicy tingle that drives with purpose and vigor. Fine-grained, pliable Cabernet tannins shape the finish, with notes of aniseed, camphor, tobacco and dried orange peel helping to chisel an intriguing yet crisp finish. *December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly*



Jim Barry Wines The Benbournie Cabernet Sauvignon, Clare Valley, 2021

[94] *James Suckling*

Fragrant aromas of blackcurrants, cedar, dried herbs, lead pencil and violets. The full-bodied palate has firmly framed tannins and harmonious acidity, the drying finish supported by a rounded, textural mouthfeel. Nicely balanced with a savory edge. *Reviewed by Ryan Montgomery, May 19, 2025*

[93] *Decanter*

The charming generosity and rich earthiness of Clare Cabernet Sauvignon is proudly underlined in this superior-grade wine. It features fruit from vines planted in 1964, showing off Cabernet Sauvignon's characteristic aromas to the fullest; a gorgeous lifted nose of fresh hedge berries and fragrant leaf. The palate entry shows more red-fruited smile than stern, black-fruited scowl, but elements of both profiles share space among hints of raspberry, licorice, black olive and capsicum. It's enthusiastic and eager rather than rustic, which is amplified by elegant, sculpted tannins that guide the way to a gentle landing. *December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly*