

LOOSEN BARRY

CLARE VALLEY

The friendship between Ernst Loosen of the Dr. Loosen Estate in Germany, and Peter Barry of Jim Barry Wines, Australia, began in 1995 in London.

Forged out of a mutual respect for the noble variety Riesling, this collaboration of ideas pays homage to the winemaking techniques used by the Loosen family for generations, and the vineyard practices of the Barry family.

The grapes for this wine are grown in an area of the Clare Valley known as Wolta Wolta, which is an Aboriginal word meaning 'good water'.

2017 WOLTA WOLTA Dry Riesling

WINEMAKING NOTES

On 17 March 2017, five tonnes of Riesling was hand harvested and sorted from Block 18 (planted in 1979) at our Lodge Hill vineyard. It was a week later than normal as we were looking for a greater hang time. Juice analysis was very good at 12 Baumé with a pH of 3.1 and 7.5 total acid. Fruit was stored in a cold room overnight to bring the temperature below 10°C. Once destemmed and crushed, the fruit was then pressed into stainless steel for 12 hours to settle, before being racked into the 2,800 litre German oak 'Fuder' cask. The light lees were racked which assisted a wild ferment to take place after five days. Fermentation took four weeks with the temperature maintained at 18°C. When residual sugar was below 10g/L, cooling was turned on to arrest the fermentation at 6g/L, achieving sugar-acid balance. The wine then rested on full yeast lees for 12 months at 10°C before being transferred to stainless steel where it sat on fine lees at 0°C for a further 11 months.

Our 2017 Wolta Wolta was bottled on 14 January 2019 and, after spending a year in bottle, was released on 21 February 2020.

VINTAGE INFORMATION

VARIETY	100% Riesling
VINTAGE	2017
REGION	Clare Valley, South Australia
ESTATE GROWN	100%
FIRST RELEASE	February 2020
ANALYSIS	Alc/vol 12.5%, Total Acid 6.1g/L, pH 3.23
DRINK BY	2050 (30 years)
SERVING TEMPERATURE	12°C
WINEMAKER(S)	Tom, Peter and Sam Barry; Ernst Loosen
AWARDS	Halliday Wine Companion - 98 Points James Suckling - 98 Points The Real Review - 97 Points

