

Highlights from the Press – Jim Barry Wines 2023

WHITE WINES



Jim Barry The Florita Riesling, Clare Valley, 2023 [96] Decanter

Its personality defines the very best characteristics of Riesling from the Watervale sub-region — a vibrant jostle of lime-over-lemon in vivacious aromas and delicious, delicate flavors. The cooler 2023 vintage allowed fruit to hang on the vine for longer, adding more exotic citrus bite and fleshy lemon pith to roll around a complex mid-palate that has luscious texture without losing shape. The wine has superb persistence that drives its lean, exquisitely defined flavors to an extraordinary length. *December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly*

[96] Wine Advocate

Layered with elderflower and beeswax, jasmine and even a hint of honeysuckle. It is tremendously floral on the nose. In the mouth, the wine is talc-y and textural, and it spools across the palate. It's a fabulous wine, distinct, with a proven pedigree of graceful aging. *May 2024. Reviewed by Erín Larkín.*

[96] JamesSuckling.com

This is perhaps the finest Florita I can recall. Notes of lime cordial are assuaged by a grind of white pepper, nashi and Granny Smith granita, a lilt of wild fennel and a spurt of gin and tonic with a squeeze of lemon across the endless finish. A Clare Valley thoroughbred built for patience and a dark cellar. *November 2023. Reviewed by Ned Goodwin MW*

[96] Wine Companion

It has intensity, drive and a sense of precision with a serious line of granite and slate-like mineral character crystalline and brilliant through the wine. The perfume is enticing with apple, jasmine and warm slate scents in play. Flavours of green apple, ginger and pink grapefruit are a beautiful medley woven in tight layers through this compact and energetic wine. It feels decidedly delicious to drink now, an experience in some respects, but cellaring will surely yield exceptional rewards. *August 2024. Reviewed by Mike Bennie.*

[95+] The Wine Front

You often don't have to say too much about Florita; it's invariably good. Tight, stony, slight spiciness like ginger, a little floral. Very pure and refined, lovely crunch and energy on a long finish, offering a little pink grapefruit. All just so. Time will be very kind. An excellent release. *September 2023. Reviewed by Gary Walsh.*