



Highlights from the Press – Jim Barry Wines 2024

James Suckling Reviewed by Ryan Montgomery

“My first impression of the 2024 vintage in Clare Valley is that it’s one for aging due to the structure and acidity of the Rieslings produced, although with early drinking accessibility... Who is challenging the established norms of early bottling, low extraction and aging? Certain producers, particularly Jim Barry Wines and Koerner, are implementing unique approaches such as extended aging in larger, alternative vessels like ceramics and foudres.

They also occasionally encourage malolactic fermentation and phenolic ripeness. Jim Barry, led by brothers Sam and Tom Barry, are notably influenced by Erni Loosen’s winemaking techniques... The partnership led Loosen to investigate the potential of Riesling in Clare Valley, which led to the creation of Wolta Wolta, a foudre-fermented Riesling sourced from the estate’s latest-ripening vineyard – and the one “with the most power and phenolic content,” Tom Barry said.” *May 19, 2025*

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Jim Barry Wines Watervale Riesling, Clare Valley, 2024

[94] *James Suckling*

Expressive aromas of tangerines, white flowers, citrus and chalk. The palate is light-bodied with racy acidity and a nicely weighted mouthfeel, showing lemons, orange blossoms and melon. Lovely balance of freshness and weight. *Reviewed by Ryan Montgomery, May 19, 2025*

[92] *Decanter*

The glowing reputation of Riesling from the Watervale sub-region in Clare rests upon the foundation laid down by this important and very affordable wine. Consistent over decades in its flavor profile and vitality, Watervale provides a reliable and delicious entry point to appreciate this sub-region’s fresh, zingy, citrus-driven style of Riesling. It’s pale — almost translucent — and bone dry with a distinct juiciness that allows its lively lemon-and-lime flavors to pop. An edge of lemongrass adds an exotic seam to the palate, while a steely acid spine keeps the flavors running long and true.

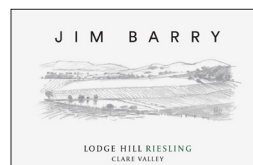
December 12, 2024, Reviewed by David Sly



Jim Barry Wines Assyrtiko, Clare Valley, 2024

[93] *James Suckling*

Crisp, mineral and chalky, showing aromas of citrus, white flowers and sea spray. The palate is medium-bodied with bright acidity and a mouthwatering finish. *Reviewed by Ryan Montgomery, May 19, 2025*

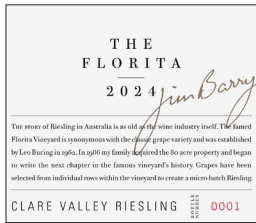


Jim Barry Wines Lodge Hill Riesling, Clare Valley, 2024

[94] *James Suckling*

Floral, citrusy and mineral-driven aromas lead into a light-bodied palate, bright acidity and a textural mouthfeel. There’s great precision and focus here with a slightly salty finish. Delicious. *Reviewed by Ryan Montgomery, May 19, 2025*

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**Jim Barry Wines The Florita Riesling,
Clare Valley, 2024**

[96] *James Suckling*

Finely constructed with such purity and complexity, showing aromas of kaffir limes, struck match, white flowers, lemon peel and slate. The palate has very high energy and tension with a driving acidity and powerful undertone that will unravel for years to come. Made from vines planted on limestone in 1962, bringing a chalky aspect to the wine. *Reviewed by Ryan Montgomery, May 19, 2025*
