

# STONEHORSE

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## 2023 Stonehorse Riesling

The Stonehorse is a symbol of power, strength, elegance, and grace, just like our estate wines in this range. Stonehorse by Kaesler is a true reflection of regional diversity and blending creativity. The Stonehorse Riesling is sourced from our estate owned and managed Clare vineyard which is in the world-renowned subregion of Watervale.

### VINTAGE

A very cold and wet winter saw a later than average bud burst but provided fantastic soil moisture heading into the growing season. These cool and wet conditions prevailed right through spring providing challenging conditions around flowering and fruit set. The vineyard was heavily shoot thinned to reduce the disease pressure and control fruit load. This strategy paid off as the season continued to be cooler than average and a very late vintage was looming. Vintage started around 3 weeks later than normal and the mild conditions allowed for a relatively calm harvest with ample time to pick the parcels at the optimum time.

### REGENERATIVE FARMING

At Kaesler we strive to not only maintain but rebuild the soils, because at the end of the day we want to leave these precious old vines in better condition than we found them. It's a process called 'regenerative farming' as it's more than sustainability, it is a practice that constantly evolves so we are not just sustaining the environment, we are improving it.

### WINEMAKING

Late night harvest by machine, back to the winery and then lightly pressed. Cold settled for the next

week, racked off but taking 5% fluffy lees to help with complexity. 10 days of fermentation, bottled in June '23 to retain freshness and purity.

**APPEARANCE:** Pale straw with green hue.

**BOUQUET:** Lifted lychee, white flower, red apples, some lime citrus.

**PALATE:** Fine and pure with a pithy chalky finish. Crisp acidity, but not searing.

**FOOD PAIRING:** Riesling loves oysters and Clare Riesling especially loves SA oysters from Coffin Bay, Cowell or Streaky Bay. Any fresh seafood is a great match or pair with a creamy based pasta dish

**Variety:** 100% Riesling

**Region:** Watervale, Clare Valley

**Soil type:** Loam over clay

**Harvest:** Machine

**Origin of oak:** N/A

**Yeast:** Inoculated

**Alc:** 11%

**RS:** 1.8g/l

**pH:** 3.07

**TA:** 6.57

**Vegan Friendly:** Yes

