

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2019 'THE MERLE' RESERVE RIESLING

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Named after our family matriarch, 'The Merle' is selected from the best parcels of Riesling from our Polish Hill River Estate. We are aiming for the purest expression of Polish Hill Riesling for this wine. Our winemaking approach is designed to capture the flavour of each individual site with minimal winemaking influence. The Merle represents the pinnacle of Riesling at Pikes, showing concentration, sense of place and purity.

Five years in now, with maybe another 50 in front of it for this iconic Australian expression of Riesling. Whilst still retaining freshness and length like a new release, this cellar release has slightly softened its fruit, retaining bright vibrancy but laying in a richer, plusher note of acquired maturity.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate grown, single vineyard

Variety: Riesling

Vintage: 2019

Region: Clare Valley

Alc/Vol 11% **RS** 2.3 g/L

pH 2.96 **TA** 8.10 g/L

ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together. Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years. Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach. A style that celebrates this special place we call home

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Tasting Room: 10am - 4pm daily

SLATE Restaurant, open for lunch: 12pm - 3pm, Wednesday - Sunday

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Soft pale green

Aroma: Lovely lime cordial notes jump out initially, alongside crushed Kaffir Lime leaves and almond blossom scents, supported by some classic Polish Hill River minerality and a spritz of bath salts.

Palate: Intense and generous lime fruit characters with all the energy and length you expect in Merle Riesling, softening to show some texture in the mouthfeel without sacrificing any of it's famed poise and power. The bottle development has complemented the fresh fruit with a sense of Lime butter on toast whilst still sliding across the palate elegantly.

Summary: The additional palate weight of aged Rieslings makes for increased versatility with food, but for a vibrant pairing look at kingfish ceviche with a splash of Merle in the cure, garnished with julienned kaffir lime and mirin.

