PIKES

CLARE VALLEY
Established 1984

2021 'TRADITIONALE' RIESLING
Museum Release

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Good winter rain allowed soil profiles to be full, giving the vines a great start to the growing season. Remarkably cool summer followed, providing perfect conditions for healthy vines to produce fruit with high natural acidity and concentrated flavours. One of the better vintages of the last decade.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Fruit sourced from our own estate in Polish Hill River, and growers' vineyards in Watervale, Leasingham, Mintaro and Sevenhill. Made exclusively with free run juice, our aim is to capture the flavour of the individual sites with minimal winemaking influence being evident.

Fruit Source: Estate & Growers
Variety: Riesling
Vintage: 2021
Region: Clare Valley
Fermentation: 100% free run juice, neutral yeast, stainless steel on lees for 3 months prior to bottling
Alc/Vol 11.5% **RS** 4.6 g/L
pH 2.93 **TA** 8.22 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Brilliant pale yellow-straw with a subtle green hue. At five years of age, the wine shows only modest colour development and is not yet moving towards gold.

Aroma: Still fresh, with lime juice at its core, the nose is beginning to develop notes of preserved lemon, ripe lime and a gentle lime-marmalade sweetness.

Palate: Fresh lime and lime cordial remain the dominant flavours. Early bottle development is building concentration and introducing a subtle honeyed character, although the richer buttered-toast notes of mature Riesling have not yet emerged. The palate remains bright, balanced and long.

Summary: Re-released at five years of age, the 2021 Traditionale is entering the first stage of bottle development. The primary citrus of its youth is beginning to broaden into preserved lemon, lime marmalade and honey, while retaining the freshness and clarity of this exceptional cool vintage. Drinking beautifully now, with further complexity to come through continued cellaring.



ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is a family-founded winery, established in 1984 when the Pike family began crafting wine together in Polish Hill River. Ancient Kadlunga Slate and tough, acidic soils shape our unique site, while generations of experience and a hands-off winemaking approach produce elegant, approachable wines.

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