

# PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

## 2025 'VALLEYS END' SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

### WINEMAKER'S NOTE

The Clare Valley endured one of its most challenging vintages, with the second driest year on record. A wet July was followed by a dry, warm spring and summer. On 17 September, frost hit our Polish Hill vineyard just after budburst. Fortunately, the early timing of the frost allowed our vines to respond with healthy shoot growth and a smaller canopy. Lower yields and careful irrigation led to full ripeness with superb flavour concentration. Our Sauvignon Blanc tends to be a little more restrained than other regions, so the Semillon contributes more than its share would imply. We've been making this blend since the late 80's, and it continues to prove it is worthy of its inclusion

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Fruit Source:** Estate Grown

**Variety:** Sauvignon Blanc 60% & Semillon 40%

**Vintage:** 2025

**Region:** Clare Valley

**Fermentation:** Stainless steel, neutral yeast

**Alc/Vol** 12%      **RS** 2.8 g/L

**pH** 3.1              **TA** 7.3 g/L

### TASTING NOTES

**Appearance:** Brilliant clarity, water-white.

**Aroma:** Lifted and finely balanced, showing a perfume of tropical fruit layered with crunchy green apple, lemongrass and citrus. The aromatics are pure and composed, with a subtle complexity that speaks to the quality of fruit.

**Palate:** A vibrant and refined palate, where restrained tropical fruits—under-ripe passionfruit and hints of green papaya—sit alongside a fresh line of citrus and lemongrass. The wine shows excellent balance, with bright acidity carrying the fruit effortlessly and giving shape and precision across the palate.

**Summary:** A beautifully poised and highly drinkable expression of this classic blend. Fresh, balanced and versatile, it offers immediate appeal while maintaining enough structure to pair seamlessly with food. Enjoy on its own or alongside dishes such as green papaya salad with chilli and prawns or Thai-style fish cakes. Best enjoyed within the first 2 to 3 years.

### ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is a family-founded winery, established in 1984 when the Pike family began crafting wine together in Polish Hill River. Our unique site features tough acidic soils over ancient Kadlunga Slate, 650 million years old. Our wines are elegant and approachable, shaped by the land, years of viticultural experience, and a hands-off winemaking style.

### Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: open daily, from 10am - 4pm

Slate Restaurant: Lunch from 12pm Thu - Sun & Dinner from 6pm Sat

