

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2026 'LUCCIO' FIANO

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The season began with cold conditions, delaying budburst by two weeks against the long-term average. Cool spring temperatures continued before a severe frost on 13 November hit our Polish Hill River Estate; unaffected vines stayed healthy and balanced, laying the foundation for a promising season. Warm January conditions drove steady ripening, though vintage began 16 days later than 2025. Riesling harvest had barely started when four rainfall events intervened. Even so, healthy vines and low disease pressure kept fruit quality outstanding, with excellent acidity, purity and flavour concentration. Despite the challenges, 2026 has produced wines of exceptional balance, and true varietal and site expression.

WINEMAKING INFORMATION

Sourced from our own Polish Hill River Estate and a Southern Watervale vineyard, we see this variety as having a strong future in the Clare Valley, as it has great resilience across extreme vintage conditions.

Fruit Source: Growers & Estate

Variety: Fiano

Vintage: 2026

Region: Clare Valley

Alc/Vol 12% **RS** 1.5 g/L

pH 3.10 **TA** 7.47 g/L

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.

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Pale straw with brilliant green hues.

Aroma: Bursting with fresh melon, green apple, lime and tropical fruit, with delicate white florals and citrus blossom adding lift and freshness.

Palate: Yellow nectarine and green pear are joined by mandarin and preserved citrus, with a soft, creamy texture and gentle pithy grip. The palate is generous and rounded, yet a magnificent acid line provides freshness, length and definition.

Summary: Our largest Fiano release to date draws on fruit from an increasing number of Clare Valley growers, reflecting the region's growing confidence in this exciting variety. Generous, textural and refreshing, it further reinforces our belief that Fiano has a strong future in the Clare Valley.

