

MOCANDUNDA

2010 RIESLING TASTING NOTE

Clare Valley

Wine has been flowing in the Clare Valley since 1851 and is an integral part of the culture. It is one of Australia's most prestigious premium wine regions especially famous for its Riesling. A tiny area accounting for less than 2% of the total Australian production. With its beautiful rolling hills, ideal winter rainfall and Mediterranean climate, Clare Valley carries a unique history and winemaking heritage.

The Site

Mocandunda Riesling Vineyard is situated on the eastern range of the township of Clare and is one of the highest vineyards in the Valley lying 450m above sea level. It is an ideal microclimate for producing steely, minerally Riesling distinctive to the region.

The Wine

The 2010 Mocandunda Riesling shows lifted citrus fruit aromas with distinct floral notes. This intensity of floral lift on the nose is one of the hallmarks of this year's Riesling vintage in the Clare Valley. The palate exhibits fresh lemon and lime fruit flavours which are framed by the wine's classic Clare Valley mineral structure. The Mocandunda 2010 Riesling whilst exhibiting generous sweet lime retains a zesty acid level keeping it lively and balanced.

■ The Vintage

Riesling was one of the highlights of the 2010 Clare Valley vintage. A wet spring ensured the Mocandunda vineyard had very good canopies and excellent vine health. Even steady ripening followed along with a hassle free vintage period. All parcels selected came in at optimum ripeness and displayed the characteristics of fine Clare Valley Riesling; high natural acidity, intense citrus flavours, crystalline purity and lifted floral notes attributable to the Mocandunda vineyard higher altitude which provided cooler than average temperatures leading up to harvest, despite the odd heat spikes during November days.

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