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# MINISTRY OF CLOUDS RIESLING / MINISTRY OF CLOUDS / 2020 / CLARE VALLEY / AUSTRALIA

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## PRODUCER

"McLaren Vale is our heartland" - Bernice Ong and Julian Forwood bought their 11 hectare vineyard positioned atop the Onkaparinga Gorge and although they were not trained winemakers, between them they have 35 years of experience in wine hospitality. They have developed a knack for tracking down the very best parcels of fruit they can lay their hands on. Bernice and Julian created Ministry of Clouds in 2012, and in such a short space of time their beautifully poised, elegant wines have won a legion of fans.



## VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

The base of this wine comes from the lean and hungry rocky soils shared by two high altitude vineyards in the rugged Hills of Penwortham and Sevenhill. The resulting bunches and berries are tiny, but intense. They ripen late in the season and provide a rapier-like acid line. To provide balance, the remaining 50% is sourced from a slightly more fertile and abundant north-facing site in Watervale planted in the 1960's on red loam over quartz providing more generosity, weight and flavour. Of all the many grape varieties, Riesling is the most transparent expression of a vineyard site. We have long loved the more crystalline expressions of Clare Valley Riesling, which embrace the exquisite risk inherent in delicacy and fragility. Never a wine about winemaker ego, or manhandling in the winery, just purity. This Riesling was wild fermented (natural yeasts) in stainless steel. There was no malolactic fermentation to preserve purity of fruit and acid. None.

## TASTING NOTE

A deliberately delicate expression of Clare Valley Riesling, exhibiting lifted floral notes, kaffir lime, freshly squeezed lemon juice, grapefruit peel, bath salts, and underlying talc. Classic citrus notes are complimented by the mouth-watering chalky and mineral texture on the palate, finishing with a fine and taut acid line.

## FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	BERNICE ONG & JULIAN FORWOOD
VARIETIES	100% RIESLING
APPELLATION	CLARE VALLEY
FORMAT	0.750L
CLOSURE	SCREW TOP
ALCOHOL	12.1%
SUGAR	0.5 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	7 G/L
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES



TOTAL SULPHUR

54 MG/L

CASE SIZE

6