



ROSS
BAROSSA

2010 BAROSSA 'THE BEEKEEPER'

100% Barossa Riesling

Vintage:

The 2010 vintage was preceded by good winter rains that saw the end of the drought years and provided good canopies. The Riesling grapes were harvested in the first week of February with warm days and cool evenings the normality. The vineyard was machine harvested in the cool of the early morning to retain freshness in the fruit. . The fruit for this wine is sourced from the Ross Family's vineyard in the Foothills just outside the township of Lyndoch.

Winemaking:

Once the grapes have been identified to be of optimum ripeness for the style of wine the parcels are brought into the winery where they are gently crushed directly into the air bag press. Only the 'free-run' juice and the earliest stages of the pressing cycle are used in this wine as they contain the purest fruit flavours. After settling the juice is racked to temperature controlled tanks, the yeast added and fermentation takes place at the cool temperature of 12-14 degrees for maximum fruit retention. Daily sensory evaluations take place during this 2-3 week fermentation. At the desired Residual Sugar level, to balance the natural acidity, the fermentation is halted to leave natural sweetness in the wine. The wine is then heat and cold stabilised before sterile filtering pre bottling. Bottling takes place on the Winery's own bottling line soon after the vintage has concluded.

Tasting Evaluation:

The Ross Wines Barossa 'The Beekeeper' is a luscious semi-sweet wine that displays balance between 'Honey' sweetness and refreshing acidity. The nose displays lifted honeysuckle, fresh lime juice and white peach. The sweetness on the palate is balanced a crisp freshness, with honeydew melon and nectarine and citrus finish. A great all year choice.

Analysis Post Bottling:

SO₂: 34/160 ppm
pH: 2.80
Titratable Acidity: 8.1 g/L
Alcohol: 9.9%
Residual Sugar: 53.4 g/L



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