

# GROSSET

## 2019 Alea

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Variety:	Riesling
Region:	Clare Valley
Vineyard(s):	Rockwood Vineyard, Watervale
Soil(s):	Loam on hard red rock over friable clay loam
Elevation:	460–485 metres
Viticulture:	Certified Organic
Fermentation:	Free run / Stainless steel
Residual Sugar:	10.5 g/L
Acidity:	7.6 g/L
pH:	3

*“Inspired by the best dry Rieslings of Europe, Alea is produced in the international style, made to the Grosset standard. From the Rockwood vineyard in Watervale where the likeness to European fruit was first noticed in 2007, this wine offers great versatility; people, food, situations.” -Jeffrey Grosset*

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### THE WINE

This has powerful aromatics - enticing lemon, lime blossom, with dried herb notes and hints of shaley minerality. Its concentration and underlying power give it the appearance of having an additional layer of flavour - pure intense lime juice at its core - with just a hint of sweetness giving it its distinctive character. The wine's pristine bracing acidity dominates the finish which is taut, long and dry. Named Alea after the Greek goddess of wisdom, courage, and agriculture—Athena Alea (Athena the Exalted). The 2019 vintage was a game changer for Grosset Wines. The low winter rainfall resulted in the lowest yielding vintage for decades. Smaller berries and bunches than normal gave more concentrated flavours in the harvested fruit.

### THE WINEMAKER

Considered by many to be the undisputed 'Monarch' of Clare Valley Riesling, Jeffrey Grosset has been producing wine in the region for four decades. His winery is located in the historic township of Auburn about 100 km north of Adelaide. Working with four estate-owned ACO certified organic vineyards, Jeffrey and his team consistently create pure expressions of variety and place. Annual production is capped at 11,000 cases of which only 25 percent is exported, but Grosset has cemented his winery as a benchmark in its class and continually receives significant international praise.

