



# THE NOBLE WRINKLED



## Riesling 2021

*Adelaide Hills, Riesling (100%)*

### The Name

Grapes affected with Botrytis are small and wrinkly, inspiring the name of this wine, which was originally released in 1985 as The Noble Riesling.

### The Vintage

The preceding winter was beautifully wet, flushing the soil of salts and filling the soil profile. Spring too was above average, with rainfalls up until November which was almost completely dry. November was hotter than normal which upset the setting of berries. Just as well as the bunch number was way up. Two inches of rain in early February was much appreciated by the relatively large crops. Where crops were smaller, berry size grew. The heat produced a fast flowering, set, and speedy berry development leading to an early veraison and the equal earliest start of vintage on record. A few days in a row around 35°C in February rapidly ripened early lower cropping vineyards. From then on, the vintage was mild and dry. Average temperatures for autumn were down. Some nice 30°C days late March and early April helped finish ripening of bigger crops and late ripening varieties..

### The Winemaking

Botrytis Cinerea, affectionately known as Noble Rot, weakens grape skins causing water to evaporate which results in sweet, concentrated flavours. These shrivelled berries are basket pressed before a long fermentation, resulting in a luscious wine with intense richness and viscosity.

### The Characteristics

Liquid gold! Dried apricots present themselves initially. Pear marmalade, cooked white fruits, lychee and a little touch of quince. Some kaffir lime zest. A nice glycerol mouth coating feel. Sweet but not sickly. Exuberant acidity. A very refreshing finish. This is the perfect wine to end a meal.



Alcohol	13.5%	Residual sugar	163.8 g/l
Titratable acid	9.0	pH	3.3
Chief Winemaker	Chester Osborn	Senior Winemaker	Jack Walton