



## Grosset Alea Riesling 2016

The Alea comes from a narrow corridor of hard red rock with poor, orangey, red loam topsoil in the Grosset Rockwood Vineyard (ACO certified organic) at Watervale. As the early fruit from the vineyard reminded Jeff of the great German rieslings, he decided to take a very different approach to the creation of Alea. The aim was to make a wine generous, succulent and long. With its first vintage in 2012, 'Alea' is the most recent of the Grosset rieslings, the result of three years of painstaking experimentation.

The **Grosset Alea 2016** has bright voluminous aromas of white flowers and kaffir lime and a generous, almost fleshy mid-palate with potent lemongrass and lime flavours. Almost dry, the palate is succulent and long with a tight fine structure and exuberant sweeping acidity on a clean dry finish. This may be the Grosset white for a range of Asian dishes, or as an aperitif.

**Ageing Potential:** First vintage 2012 so as yet unknown, however probably 15 years

**Source:** Grosset Rockwood Vineyard (ACO certified organic)

**Fruit Flavours:** Kaffir lime with hints of white flowers and herbs

**Profile:** Almost dry, underpinned by a linear acidity: fragrant, generous, succulent and long

**Fining:** Nil- suitable for vegans and vegetarians

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**Award:** *Tyson Stelzer's Australian & New Zealand Wines of the Year 2017: Top 20 Wines of the Year Under \$40*

**Reviews:** Mike Bennie, WBM, November/December 2016

...a carefully balanced wine that shows Bickfords Lime Cordial scents with honeysuckle, and a palate that stretches into the distance on tense, cool acidity, equal to the gentle sweetness apparent. Charisma plus. **94 Points.**

**Reviews:** Huon Hooke, huonhooke.com, September 2016

The wine has a beguiling fragrance which emphasises citrus blossoms, intense and focused. The sweetness is so restrained it's barely off-dry (half-dry would be overstating it) and the palate is beautifully balanced. If tasted on its own, it would probably not be obviously in a different sweetness category. A gorgeous wine which will surely age magnificently. **95 Points.**