

WINE & SPIRIT CO.
DEAD MAN WALKING

2022 Dead Man Walking Clare Valley Riesling

"My good friend Tom Kies created DEAD MAN WALKING – a goulish name according to James Halliday, but one inspired by Tom's 'don't put it off, don't procrastinate, don't leave it until it's too late' approach to life. For whilst Tom was blessed with exceptional winemaking talent, a love of wine and great zeal for life, the development of this label and release of the first wine in 2016 was an integral piece of his valiant yet ultimately unsuccessful 9 year battle to overcome bowel cancer. As a devoted family friends we have taken on responsibility for DEAD MAN WALKING to keep Tom's winemaking vision alive, whilst also providing for his two son's education through placing part proceeds from the sale of each bottle into a trust fund.

2022 Vintage

After 4 years of drought conditions, the winter of 2021 heralded the arrival of La Niña, and with it we welcomed the return of generous winter rains. 2021 was the wettest winter on record for the Barossa (Eden Valley) at 48% above average, while Clare was also blessed with soaking rainfall at 23% above average. These wet conditions replenished soil water and filled dams and aquifers to levels not seen since 2017, setting up perfect conditions for spring growth.

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This wine inhabits a unique space of finely balanced compatibility between the inherent richness and generosity of the fruit from the family vineyard in White Hutt, and the lean, mineral-driven elegance of the fruit from Polish Hill River. The Riesling is richly imbued with aromas of nectarine, guava and ruby grapefruit; with floral top-notes of apple blossom and elderflower. The palate is softly textural and richly flavoured with white peach, tangerine and Limoncello, while the bright natural acidity draws through to a crisp, clean finish. A wine of immediate appeal and absolute approachability, this wine is poised for ultimate enjoyment on release and complements a variety of cuisines.