



# CRAWFORD RIVER

ESTABLISHED

1975

## OUR RIESLINGS DEFINED

*We bottle each of our wines only once. This means a homogenised blend of any given wine is bottled in the same day. We feel this gives integrity to all our wines. Change will occur due to bottle age, but such change is happening to each and every bottle stored in similar conditions.*

### **RIESLING**

In 1975/6 our first Riesling blocks were planted on two gentle ridges which lie side by side. Sharing a similar NNW aspect and very similar soil composition, both blocks have a dominance of gravelly, ironstone-rich, free draining clay loam. A further block planted in 1977 tends to a WNW aspect, has less gravel, more sandy loam, and closer proximity to its limestone base. We find the combined expression of these soils to be delicate, showing white florals aromatically and layers of mineral and textural intensity throughout the palate.

### **RIESLING - Museum Release.**

Our Museum Release Riesling is our Riesling, re-released after a period in bottle, in our on site warehouse. Bottled in the year when harvested/blended and held in storage by us for a future release date. Essentially, we are just doing the cellaring for you. Our Rieslings, for whatever reasons, are renown for their ability to age slowly for long periods.

### **STRATA RIESLING**

The fruit for this wine is sourced from a block that was added in 2001 at the western border of the original plantings. While the very top of this block in a gravelly ridge, much of the block shows a prevalence towards a free-draining, loam dominant soil over limestone footing. These factors coupled with a multitude of influences, micro-climate and otherwise, create an expression quite different to our original blocks. These loam-based plantings tend to be more open and expressive, particularly as younger wines. They also lean towards a more dominantly fruit driven front and mid palate. Formerly known as 'Young Vines' Riesling.

### **RESERVE RIESLING**

The 'Reserve' Riesling is made from a small selection of rows that lie along an ironstone ridge amongst our 1975/6 plantings. These vines show a specific flavour profile, which is subtle, yet intensely structured and quite distinctive. Only made in years when quantity is sufficient, and quality is exceptional. This wine is not a re-release of our 'Estate' Riesling.