

**KIRRIHILL**

**BRAND & PORTFOLIO 2024**

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## OUR STORY

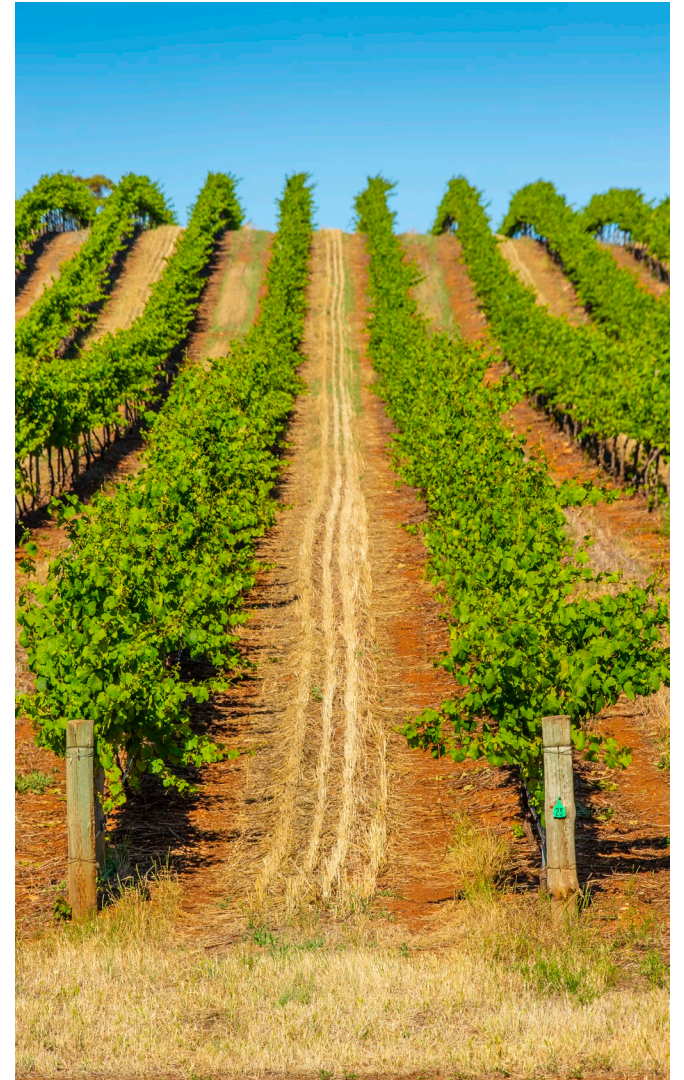
Kirrihill specialises in Riesling, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, of outstanding quality and internationally recognised distinction, which capture the terroir of South Australia's Clare Valley.

Founded in 1998 by long-time friends and locals, Sean Edwards and Rob Stanway, Matthew Lawson joined the company in 2011 as CEO and Commercial & Export Director, becoming a partner and owner in 2017.

Our focus is the pursuit of making the best wines and growing the finest quality fruit by managing the vineyards sustainably and respecting the individual sites.

The micro-climates within the three small valleys that make up the Clare Valley region provide our winemakers with a diverse range fruit to produce elegant wines, particularly aromatic Riesling. Sitting atop the 'Golden Mile', a stretch of rare 'terra rossa' soil, our highly acclaimed Schobers Vineyard is one of the most distinguished red wine producing vineyards in Australia. Contour planted at the southern tip of the Clare Valley, Schobers produces Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon wines of great complexity, rich in concentration with distinctive Clare Valley character.

Recognised both domestically and internationally, with over 500 accolades since our first vintage in 2000, we are committed to crafting wines of exceptional quality, ultimately to enjoy and share.



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## OUR PEOPLE

Sean Edwards, Rob Stanway and Matthew Lawson are the perfect partners. All highly innovative and not afraid to take a risk, their complementary expertise in business along with a unified commitment to making the best wine possible has seen them successfully grow Kirrihill.

Both Sean and Rob's heritage are deeply connected with Clare Valley for generations. Sean is fifth generation, whose great-grandparents settled in the region from Burra in the 1860s. The family ran a farm combining cropping with sheep and cattle, which included planting Riesling and Grenache vines in 1966.

Rob's connection with the region began in the 1940's when his grandparents moved to Clare. In 1976, his parents bought a property in Watervale and planted 20 hectares of Riesling. Today, the Slate Creek vineyard is an icon in Clare Valley, the only Watervale vineyard still planted solely to Riesling.

Matt Lawson became the third Kirrihill partner in 2017 after joining the business in 2011 as CEO. With over 25 years' experience in wine, Matt is an industry leader across commercial partnerships, winery operations, global markets and sales. Originally from Adelaide with a family history in agriculture dating back to the 1800's, Matt and his family now call Clare Valley home, happily settled amongst their 25-acre vineyard block.





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## CLARE VALLEY

Situated in the northern Mt Lofty Ranges, South Australia's Clare Valley is a boutique wine region with a big reputation for consistently producing world-class wine. Clare was settled in the late 1830s, with the first vineyards planted and wines produced in the early 1840s. The region is dominated by small growers and winemakers, which is a contrast with many of the world's famous regions.

## CLIMATE

Clare Valley's climate is continental and features warm to hot summers, and cool to cold winters, resulting in temperature drops from day to night. These cold nights, elevated sites, and unique soils, allows for cool ripening in the fruit, helping to retain natural acidity, which contributes to the region's success with Riesling. In recent years Clare winemakers have demonstrated the diversity of terroir by introducing new wave varietals to the region.

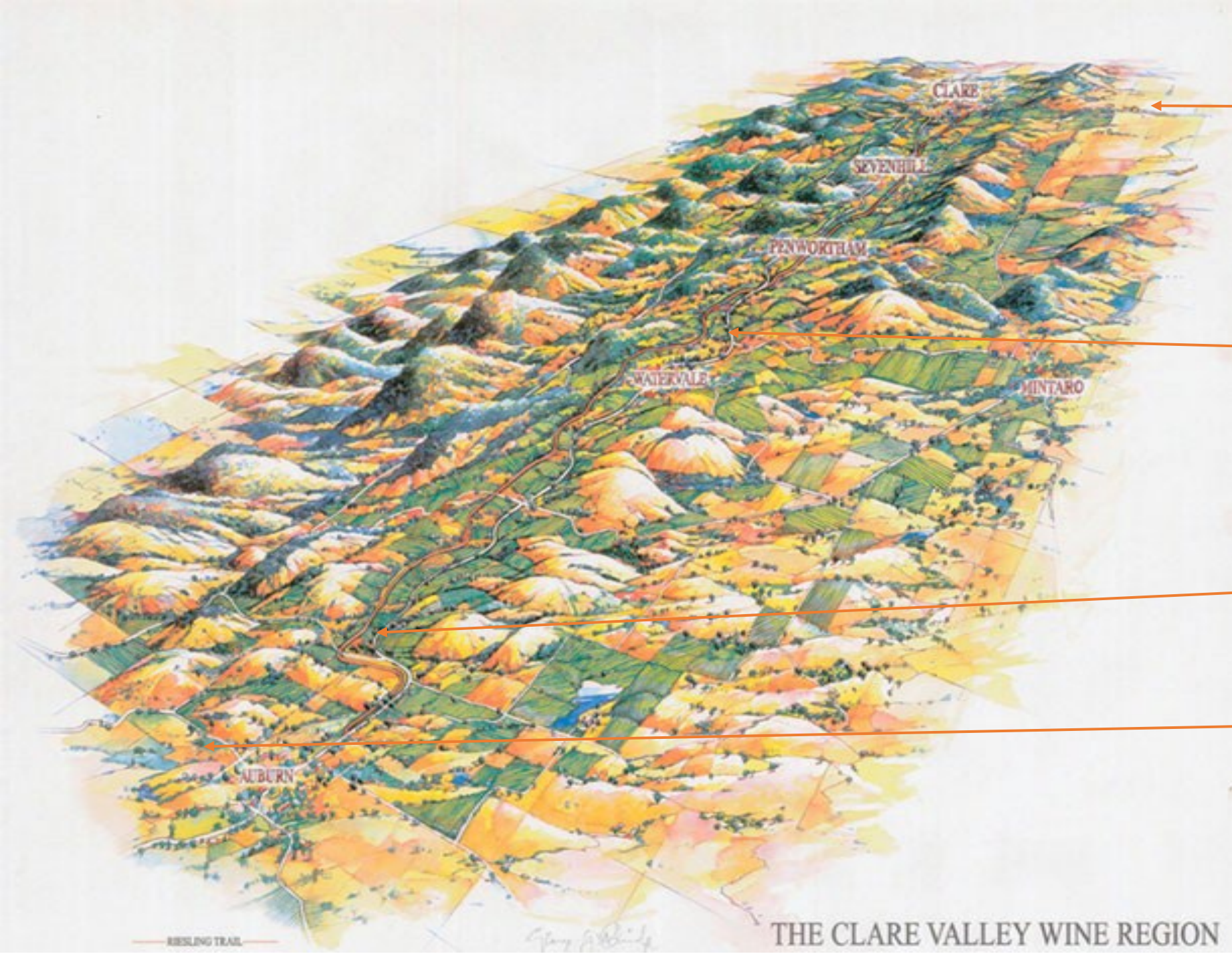
## VITICULTURE

Endorsed by the Australian Wine Research Institute, our Sustainable Wine Growing Australia certification demonstrates continuous improvement of sustainability in the vineyard and winery through the environmental, social and economic aspects of our businesses.

## TERROIR

The micro-climates within the three small valleys that make up the Clare Valley region provide our winemakers with a diverse selection parcels, enabling us to produce premium wines of various batch sizes. The Clare Valley terroir is a combination of surprisingly high elevation and eleven different soil types, including terra rossa and ancient sedimentary soils, the perfect combination for growing exceptional riesling, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. A unique viticultural trilogy.





**Kirrihill Winery & Vineyard**

**Slate Creek Vineyard**

**Schober's Estate Vineyard**

**Schober's Road Vineyard**

THE CLARE VALLEY WINE REGION



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## R E G I O N A L S E R I E S

Kirrihill's Regional Series showcases the classic Clare Valley varieties grown throughout the region.

We select fruit for these wines from our 250-hectare estate vineyards and strategic portfolio of growers within Clare Valley. This allows us to be meticulous about the quality and consistency of the fruit and to ensure we produce a wine with pure varietal expression that over delivers on quality and value.

The Regional Series celebrates fruit driven, soft and approachable wines. The wines are released early when they are bright and fresh and are best suited to casual, everyday occasions to be enjoyed with food, family and friends.



## REGIONAL SERIES

Fresh, approachable styles suited to casual, everyday occasions to be enjoyed with food, family and friends.



### REGIONAL SERIES RIESLING

As refreshing as a dip in the ocean. A bright and crisp style with fragrant citrus, mandarin and blossom notes. Fresh acidity leads to a clean, dry and mouth-watering finish. Great paired with seafood and friends.

**Enjoy with:** Seafood Platters, Spicy Asian Cuisine or simply a fresh bucket of Prawns.



### REGIONAL SERIES SHIRAZ

Enticing with a perfume of field berries, pepper spice and hints of vanilla. A rich, full-bodied wine with blackberry fruit, well-integrated oak and a smooth, lingering finish. Pairs perfectly with great conversation and backyard BBQ's.

**Enjoy with:** Grilled BBQ meats, Beef Brisket and Pulled Pork.



### REGIONAL SERIES CABERNET SAUV.

Dark red fruits and plum aromas flirt with delicate mixed herbs and spice notes. Elegant yet generous with balanced oak flavours and fine-grained tannins, this wine is a great match with Sunday roasts and hard cheeses.

**Enjoy with:** Roast Lamb with Rosemary, Aged Cheddar or Portobello Mushroom Risotto.

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## REGIONAL SERIES ACCOLADES

### 2022 Riesling

**SILVER** – '23 London Wine Competition + '22 Clare Valley Wine Show

*"... Lime zest and oyster-shell notes show aromatically and matches the palate with a riper tropical note in the core. Good intensity and supple acidity fills the mouth..."* **91 points, Stuart Knox, The Real Review**

### 2021 Shiraz

**TOP GOLD** – '22 Clare Valley Wine Show

**GOLD** – '22 Mundus Vini (Germany) + '22 New World Wine Awards + '22 Perth Royal Wine Awards + London Wine Competition + 2022 Clare Valley Wine Show + '23 National Wine Show Australia

*"... Wonderfully ripe and perfumed... leading to a gorgeously flavoursome palate that's plump and mouth filling..."* **94 points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit**

### 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

**GOLD** – '21 Clare Valley Wine Show

**SILVER** – '22 London Wine Competition

**BRONZE** – '21 International Wine & Spirits Competition

*"... Intense reds plums and red currants with some leafy notes and gently spicy oak... the palate has a supple, smooth and bright feel..."* **91 points, James Suckling '21**





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## P A R T N E R S E R I E S

The Partner Series is a dedication to the Kirrihill owners, Sean, Rob and Matt. Their unified philosophy is the pursuit to make the best wine possible with an uncompromising commitment to quality in the vineyards and winery.

Much like a fine red wine, their partnership is a reward of patience and determination. They have forged a long history together, respecting each other's strengths with courage over comfort, which has helped them to build a reputation of excellence in everything that they do.

The Partner Series is a collection of fine, super-premium wines crafted in a fresh, lively style which convey the classic varieties of Clare Valley – Riesling, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines capture the terroir of the region and display site selected fruit characteristics, specialised winemaking and oak treatment. Drink now or develop with careful cellaring.



## PARTNER SERIES

Crafted from select vineyards which exhibit outstanding varietal character and powerful fruit flavour.



### PARTNER SERIES RIESLING

Elegant and floral with fresh lime juice, white blossom and pink grapefruit notes. Thrilling acidity drives a symphony of pristine citrus fruit, vibrant minerality and mouth-watering persistence.

**Enjoy with:** Natural Oysters, Kingfish Sashimi, Vietnamese Cuisine.



### PARTNER SERIES SHIRAZ

Rich and dense with a deep core of dark cherry and blackberry fruit. Toasted oak characters are exceptionally balanced by supple tannins and balanced acidity, leading to a rewarding finish.

**Enjoy with:** Rib Eye Steak, Roast Pork, Kangaroo Fillet.

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### PARTNER SERIES CABERNET SAUV.

Layered with dark fruit and savoury herbs, the palate displays great intensity and richness. Chalky tannins are seamlessly integrated from maturation in French and American oak hogsheads for 20 months.

**Enjoy with:** Lamb Cutlets, Grilled Eggplant, Hard Cheeses.

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## PARTNER SERIES ACCOLADES

### 2022 Riesling

**SILVER** – '22 Perth Royal Wine Show

*"... Lovely tropical fruits and lemon-lime aromas sit alongside delicate white jasmine on the expressive and inviting nose. The palate is dry and has fantastic intensity with lemon pith and lime curd in spades. Fresh with firm acidity and a well-structured finish."*

**5 stars, Mary-Therese Blair, Cuisine Magazine (NZ) '23**

### 2020 Shiraz

**TROPHY** – Best Australian Red Wine, '22 Mundus Vini (Germany)

**GOLD** – '23 London Wine Competition + '23 National Wine Show Australia

**SILVER** – '22 Decanter World Wine Awards, '22 Royal Queensland Wine Show, 93 pts – James Suckling, '22

*"... Superbly ripe and enticing with blackberry, dark plum, violet, cedar and mixed spice aromas, ... offering excellent power and persistency. Upfront and mouth filling, ... highly enjoyable."*

**94 points, Sam Kim, Wine Orbit (NZ) '22**

### 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon

**TROPHY** – Best of Region, '22 James Halliday Cabernet Challenge

**GOLD** – '22 Clare Valley Wine Show + '21 New Zealand Wine Show + '21 Perth Royal Wine Awards.

*"... Stunning wine. Elegant, long, super fine and ripe mid palate tannin. Glossy fruit. Huge flavour persistence."*

**95 points, Perth Royal Wine Awards ' 21**





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## E . B . G L E E S O N C O L L E C T I O N



A tribute to Clare Valley's founder, Edward Burton Gleeson. After arriving in South Australia in 1838 on board the Emerald Isle ship from India, he established the Inchiquin property in the valley and laid out a plan for the town. In 1846 he declared the town as 'Clare', after his home county in Ireland.

Crafted only in exceptional vintages this wine is the culmination of our very best in viticulture and winemaking. Small parcels of outstanding fruit are carefully selected from our iconic Schober's Vineyard, originally planted in the 1970s. Deeply expressive with regional integrity, the wine displays impeccable balance and finesse in a contemporary style.

## 'THE SQUIRE' SHIRAZ

Highly aromatic with enticing notes of roasted coffee, toasted almonds and dark black fruits. A rich and complex palate offers toasty spice and subtle chocolate flavours, superbly balanced by well-integrated tannins. With maturation in 50% new French and 50% older American oak hogsheads, this wine shows remarkable freshness and poise.

**Enjoy with:** Spicy Smoked Lamb, Beef Short Ribs or Wild Mushroom Risotto.

**SILVER** – '22 LWC + '22 IWC + '22 Decanter

**95 points, Gabrielle Poy, The Real Review**

*"...dark chocolate and berry compote (with)... a rich and velvety core. Savoury tannins provide a framework for the ripe palate. It's a powerhouse but there's freshness and delineation of the fruit.... will cellar beautifully, 2022-2032"*



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