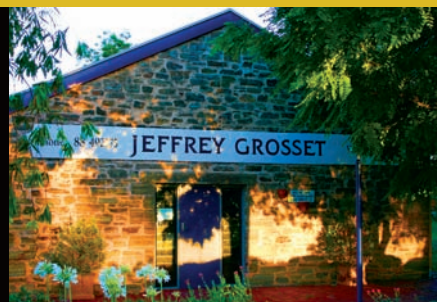


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Grosset Wines is an independently owned winery producing seven highly regarded premium wines each vintage. Established in 1981, the winery is situated in the historic township of Auburn at the southern tip of the Clare Valley, 100 kilometres north of Adelaide. While in its third decade, annual production is capped at 10,000 cases (dozens), predominantly produced from twenty hectares of estate vineyards. Remaining small and focused has allowed Grosset to preserve the character and individuality of the wines, developing a significant international profile by producing wines deemed consistently outstanding, benchmarks in their class.

Jeffrey Grosset, owner and founder, has always been an innovator, challenging tradition and questioning accepted practices. He campaigned to institute the legal integrity of the riesling grape in Australia, was a leading proponent for the introduction of screwcap closures and privately funded research into the subject.

Jeffrey Grosset was voted the inaugural Australian Winemaker of the Year by *Gourmet Traveller Wine* in 1998, and is internationally recognised as one of the *'Top 10 White Winemakers'* (*Decanter*, UK) and one of the *'50 Most Influential Winemakers'* (*Wine & Spirits*, USA) in the world today.

Grosset Wines' philosophy has remained steadfast over thirty years.

The emphasis is on purity of fruit. Vineyards are hand tended, and each

bunch of grapes is harvested at optimum ripeness. The winemaking

process is gentle and uncomplicated. With dedication, discipline and

the application of knowledge garnered through decades of experience,

the result is the finest expression of variety and place.



Polish Hill Vineyard

Located at the base of Mount Horrocks, at an elevation of 460 metres, the Polish Hill vineyard is a 'hard rock' site with shallow shale and a crust of clay marl over slate. These thin soils hamper the roots' downward development, so the vines struggle. Relatively close-planted (by Australian standards), a 'modified ballerina' training system provides ideal exposure. The fruit is typically small, in berry and bunch size. Natural composting and hand-tending have been practiced since 1996.

Springvale Vineyard

The hilltop-sited 'Springvale' is the highest (460 metres) and coolest vineyard in the Watervale sub-region. Planted on red loam over limestone, for which this area is renowned, this is a 'soft rock' site. This highly sustaining combination of soil and rock insulates the drought sensitive riesling vines, which produce lime-green fruit with medium-sized berries and fuller bunches. 'Springvale' is named after the original property where riesling vines were first planted in the 1860s.

Gaia Vineyard

Planted in the 1980s with cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc, the Gaia vineyard is named after James Lovelock's original book. Lovelock proposed the Gaia Hypothesis, now Gaia Theory, that the Earth is a single organism, reliant on the complexity and diversity of its species to maintain ecological health. At an altitude of 570 metres (the highest vineyard in the Clare Valley), this isolated and windswept vineyard has been farmed continuously for twenty-five years in accordance with this prescient concept.



Adelaide Hills Vineyards

Grosset Wines' chardonnay, pinot noir and sauvignon blanc grapes are grown in three privately owned vineyards in the Adelaide Hills. In the early 1990s, Grosset was drawn to the intriguing high-acid fruit from these sites. Two are in the Piccadilly Valley, the second coldest place in South Australia, and for that reason, they can be accurately described as 'marginal'. In terms of quality however, the rewards of working with such challenging sites have proved to be substantial.



Polish Hill
Riesling

A striking example of Clare Valley riesling. Restrained aromatics, concentrated flavours, persistent and beautifully structured. Intense lime characters with austere, slatey nuances, finishing long, cool and dry. One of '25 Great Vineyards of the World' (Wine and Spirit Magazine, USA), rated 'Outstanding' by Langton's Wine Classification.



Springvale
Riesling

This single-site wine epitomises riesling from the Watervale sub-region. Highly aromatic, floral and zesty with lemon lime-juice flavours and a dry lingering finish. One of 'Australia's Five Most Collected White Wines' (Wine Ark), rated 'Excellent' by Langton's Classification.



Semillon
Sauvignon Blanc

Estate-grown Clare Valley semillon seamlessly blended with single vineyard Adelaide Hills sauvignon blanc. With cool tropical-fruit flavours, depth, vibrancy, and precise line and length, James Halliday has rated it in his 'Top 100 Wines' for three consecutive years.



Piccadilly
Chardonnay

From the exceptionally cool Piccadilly Valley in the Adelaide Hills, this chardonnay is deliberately restrained. Succulent white peach, melon and grapefruit characters create a mineral, focused wine that is fresh and refined, with a deep underlying complexity.



Pinot Noir

Rising from the shadow of the rieslings is this limited production from the Adelaide Hills. Complex, textural and tightly structured, this is an intricate, silky wine with mulberry and dark-cherry fruit, and exceptional tannin structure. One of Australia's 'Top 20 Pinot Noirs', (Gourmet Traveller Wine).



Gaia

An elegant, savoury blend of cabernet sauvignon and cabernet franc, the vineyard's altitude imparts a uniqueness to this wine. Powerful, with concentrated blackcurrant and briary fruits, tight structure, with firm underlying tannin and impressive balance and length. '...a model of consistency.' James Halliday (Weekend Australian).



Off-dry Riesling

Harvested from an estate-owned vineyard dedicated to this distinctive style, this wine has just a touch of sweetness, despite being officially rated 'dry' in international terms. Spicy aromas of herb, lavender and lemon blossom, it is fresh and tangy with a taut, crisp finish.



"Grosset's pre-eminence in riesling making is recognised... however, he merits equal recognition for the other wines in his portfolio... These are all benchmarks."

James Halliday, *Australian Wine Companion*, 2011 Edition

"The best thing about Grosset, is the sheer enthusiasm, utter commitment and genuine love for making something sublime and brilliant."

Andrew Caillard MW, *Langton's Classification of Australian Wine*, August 2010

"I certainly didn't expect Australia's most respected Riesling master to redefine his own benchmark."

Tyson Stelzer, www.clearaboutwine.com.au, March 2010

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