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2024 Clare Valley Vintage Report

Winemakers in the Clare Valley are pleased with the quality of both whites and reds as the 2024 wines begin to take shape.

Clare Valley Wine & Grape Association executive officer Anna Baum says despite some challenges for growers this season, the 2024 vintage has produced wines with freshness, vibrancy and intensity of flavour.

The season began with a relatively dry winter and early spring, leading to an early budburst and flowering, followed by a wet period up until Christmas. This rain topped up the soil moisture profile ahead of a dry summer and autumn, providing close-to-perfect ripening weather with low disease pressure.

Riesling ripened relatively early and displays classic restraint and varietal precision, with red varieties benefiting from good levels of hang time.

While yields are down across the board this season, there are some solid Riesling yields in areas that escaped the frost which occurred in late October.

The regional crush is estimated to be 20 percent down on average due in part to the frost event which significantly impacted the southern end of the valley and the low demand for fruit.

Growers look forward to soaking winter rains to set up Clare Valley vineyards for the year ahead.