



"There really aren't many places outside Piedmont where Nebbiolo has translocated well. This vineyard is one of those places and I am confident in stating that it may well be the ideal red grape variety for the region." - SCP

Vineyard: Peramangk Country, Kenton Valley Road, Gumeracha, Adelaide Hills

Clones: 230, 111, F12V7, F12V13 and Mudgee all on own roots

Block: Block 2, planted in 1999 by Frank and Rosemary Baldasso, managed by Carmine Pepicelli.

Growing Season: The second year of the current LaNina cycle saw a wild, wet winter and spring followed by a mild summer with no heat spikes and a dry autumn. Veraison was two weeks behind normal, setting winemaker's teeth on edge. Poor flowering due to wild weather in spring including high winds, frost and hail lead to lower than desired yields. Quality, however, was good due to the long slow ripening period. Whites retained great acidity and reds developed depth of flavour and complex tannins. A vintage to watch!

Harvest: 28th of April 2022.

Process: Very gently de-stemmed and left to soak in open top fermenters for 48 hours before fermentation kicked off. Left on skins for 27 days with daily pump overs. Gently pressed and settled in tank for 3 weeks before being sent to an old French oak vat, two old French oak puncheons and one old Hungarian puncheon for Malolactic fermentation and four months maturation.

Maturation: A further seven months of maturation in various puncheons post malo before being sent to large oak vats for the final seven months of maturation

Bottled: Bottled mid January 2024 without fining or filtration.

alc 14.5%

ph 3.45

ta 5.9

total sulphur 62ppm

Aroma - Perfumed | Noble | Dark. Dark cherry, sweet red strawberry, cherry wood, terracotta, Strega, orange zest, zabaglione and dark spice. More tar than roses.

Flavour - Varietal | Pulsating | Shameless. A classic roman legionaire full of bravado and ready for a long march. Superbly medium-bodied; fresh raspberry, fennel fronds, chinotto and porchetta surrounded by plums, finishing with delicate citrus.

Texture -Energetic waves of grapey tannin that are toothsome and leathery on the mid palate before climbing accross the back palate and crashing in to a classicly long finish. The definition of naturally derived and varietal tannin.

Cellar - Drink now or keep for ten.

Varieties suited to the landscape, the region and this place, Protero