

Montepulciano 2019



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Italian giggle juice! This is definitely a happy wine and a variety Stephen has great hope for in our warm climate. The wine is an immediate pleasure but given a moment can be contemplative and cerebral. In a way it's the red version of Fiano with the same juxtaposition of lean and ripe.

Originating in the warm, central, wine-growing areas of Italy and regarded as a workhouse variety of great importance it suffers from a confounding name and it often confused with the Tuscan town of the same name.

Vino Nobile di Montepulciano is in fact made from Sangiovese grapes whilst Montepulciano d'Abruzzo is made from Montepulciano grapes.

THE VINTAGE

A winemakers vintage with every scrap of experience tested and measured. Lower than average winter rainfall set up for a dry growing season resulting in dramatically reduced yields.

The Adelaide Hills was most effected with some varieties down by 50%. In low yield years acidity is generally good setting the wines up for stability and long lives.

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Variety 100% Montepulciano

Varietal Origin Abruzzo, Italy.

Vineyard 82% Case Vineyard, Langhorne Creek and 18% from our Olivers Road Vineyard in McLaren Vale; the first harvest off grafted vines right next to our cellar door..

Process McLaren Vale harvested mid-March and Langhorne Creek mid-April. Each parcel vinified separately but identically: 13 days on skins in stainless steel before gentle pressing, malolactic fermentation in puncheons before maturation in French -oak vat and puncheons. Blended in mid-July 2020 and bottled on the 22nd of July, 10,5000 bottles.

Alcohol 14%

pH 3.49

TA 8.0

FOR THE SENSES

Flavour Profile

Light-red fruit aromas: watermelon, raspberry and mulberry on the tree. Red Chilli and a Cabernet-like herbaceous character follow before finishing with a lick of toffee apple sweetness and mild Sopressa. The palate is as dark and rich as the colour and finishes with mulberries freshly picked from the tree and eaten in the lazy warmth of summer.

Structure and Texture

Medium-bodied, calm, relaxed, soft, generous, powerful and provocative. The tannins are mild and velvety. this may be the perfect crossover wine with the richness of Shiraz matched with the regal tone of Cabernet combined in a variety that is coping with our climate. A wine and variety for the ages.

Cellaring

Whilst this wine is ready for immediate drinking, it will also reward cellaring over the next five to seven years.

Serving

Beef Bolognese, Beef Ragu or a slow cooked Brisket.....A little in the glass and a little in the pot.