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WINEMAKER

Aglianico 2020

The truly wonderful thing about great wine is that it speaks of where it comes from. That sense of having come from a discrete site or location and capable of reflecting those characters in its shape and location.

One of the top three Italian red varieties along with Nebbiolo and Sangiovese, Aglianico is often referred to as the Nebbiolo of the south. Whilst it has an ability to covert site specific nuances it always preserves its identity. A combination and balance of rustic charm, defined acidity, powerful flavour and most importantly strong tannin. A perfect translation of our site.

THE VINTAGE

How best to describe a vintage in a pandemic? Problematic.

A dry start to the season with lower than expected winter and spring rainfall followed by a day of intense heat right on flowering lead to some early anxiety around yields. Fires and the devastation they bring struck around Christmas and many of our growers losing the livelihoods weighed heavy as we went into vintage. Thankfully the days got cooler sooner than anticipated allowing long even ripening. A year to remember and be thankful.

WINEMAKING

Variety 100% Aglianico

Varietal Origin Southern Italy - Campania, Basilicata and Puglia

Vineyard Six rows at our Olivers Road home.

Process Hand-picked early April, fermented in an open top fermenter spending 26 days on skins before being sent to puncheon for maturation. Bottled without fining or filtration in July 2021; 3300 bottles produced.

Alcohol 14%

pH 3.42

TA 7.6

Total Sulphur 56ppm



FOR THE SENSES

Flavour Profile

Chinotto, new leather, old furniture, spicy red pepper, deeply flavoured dark fruit, walnuts and Italian sausage thrown in for good measure. The palate is loaded with Maraschino cherry, satsuma plum, dusty earth and terracotta. Flavours to make you salivate.

Structure and Texture

The classic example of a red variety with natural tannin grown in a warm place. This is our third release and we find ourselves wondering why we didn't plant the whole vineyard to Aglianico such is the excitement. A mouthful of wine with a tannic tail that beckons the next sip.

CELLARING

Give it eight to ten years.

SERVING

Meatballs with sour cherries by Claudia Roden in Med.