



VERMENTINO

2020
McLAREN VALE

THE YEAR THAT: We had heaps of 'hen & chicken' in the Vermentino

HISTORY

With 100 ha of premium grapevines on the Taranga property, the Oliver family has over 50 blocks representing different grape varieties, clones, soil types & vine ages. Each vintage, different varieties & blocks will show their strength and from this has been born the 'SMALL BATCH' range. Made in small batches of less than two tonnes, these wines have been handcrafted to speak of both the variety and the vintage in which they have been produced.

WINE & VINTAGE

A native of Italy, Vermentino is generating a lot of interest in the wine community due to its heat tolerance and ability to produce beautiful crisp and fresh wines, perfect for the Australian palate. This minimal intervention Vermentino is made with indigenous yeast, has no added acid and is made without the use of oak.

AROMA

Talcum powder, a squeeze of lemon over fresh fish, mandarin, honey, fresh lychee and oyster shell. Makes your mouth water like rain on warm asphalt....or maybe that's just me!!

PALATE

Zesty lemony acid, fresh honey florals and sea breeze, touch of fruit tingle on the finish. Talcum powder tannins give a savoury line. No brainer with fresh seafood!

THE YEAR THAT.....

Having lots of 'hen & chicken' in the Vermentino doesn't mean that we had some sort of fowl invasion! It actually is a term that winemakers and grapegrowers use when the grapes on each bunch don't all form uniformly. During set a weather event usually causes some berries to form to normal size, the 'hens', while the rest of the berries stay tiny and don't have a seed in them, the 'chickens'. It means that we loose a fair bit of volume, as the chickens only have a tiny bit of juice in them, and are so small that it is difficult to press the juice out of them anyway. Vermentino usually has big bunches and large berries, so it was pretty weird to see such tiny berries on the bunches after some extreme heat at berry set caused this unusual natural occurrence, Makes great wine though, just less of it!

WINEMAKER



Corrina Wright, 6th Generation

SMALL BATCH PRODUCTION

8143 bottles

GRAPE VARIETY

100% Vermentino

(pron. VERM-IN-TEENO)

REGION

100% McLaren Vale

COLOUR

Pale Straw

ALCOHOL

12 %



WHAT THE WRITERS HAVE TO SAY [2020 VINTAGE]

This has a vibrant array of fresh lemons, sliced pears and some light herbal accents with a palate that delivers such sleek, smooth and fresh lemon and pear flavors. So fresh and vibrant. Love the piquant finish. Drink now. Screw cap. 92 Points - James Suckling

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