



KING VALLEY WINEMAKERS

## L'Aquila Nebbiolo 2019

*Tier 4 Strength of site – Every site tells a story. A story of our family, a story of our place, a story of our culture. And each site story is beautifully captured in every bottle. You'll know when you taste it. It's honest, singular, pure – it is the most authentic expression of the land and a reflection of the intentions as wine growers and makers.*

*Story - A tale of two vineyard sites – each with differing aspects, elevations and soil types. Each parcel of fruit providing attributes to the wine. The result is a wine with bright berry and rose petal flavours that then give way to darker, richer elements across the palate. A food wine that will have you eternally seeking your most memorable meal for years to come.*

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Variety percentage: 100% Nebbiolo

Area harvested 1.7Ha

Picked: March 2019

Average brix: 24.5

Yield 25Hl/Ha

### VINTAGE 2019

Winter was relatively dry, but lots of snow on the Alps helped to fill dams and rivers in preparation for the growing season, which was even with near perfect conditions. With the prediction of a dry summer, we chose to irrigate the vineyards during October to assist and maintain vine health. We also had a storm in December which produced 100mm of rain, which was very timely and helped to keep the vineyards in good condition for the summer temperatures experience in late January. Harvest ran smoothly helped by great weather. Grapes were in perfect condition, and we are really pleased with the quality of all the exciting wines produced from vintage 2019.

### VINIFICATION

Since 2003, we have developed new plantings of Nebbiolo with a clone called 220. We had noticed that our best fruit was coming from dry ridges, so our new plantings have been on premier ridge sites. The resulting wines have been richer in colour and concentration of flavour.

The grapes for this wine were hand harvested then crushed and de-stemmed. Fermentation started immediately and the juice was inoculated with a yeast strain from Barolo (a region famous for producing Nebbiolo). Fermentation lasted for about five days before the wine was lightly pressed and then allowed to finish fermentation in oak barrels where polymerising helps to soften and round the tannins. Finally, the wine went through malolactic fermentation and was then aged in barrel for 20 months.

### Maturation

Type of oak (%): Gamba, Fontainebleau 50%, Jupillies 25%, Allier 20%, Nevers 5%

Oak Age: 20 % New oak

Oak toasting: 100% medium

Fining agent: Light egg white fining

Filtration: cross flow

### The Wine

Classic Nebbiolo colour, garnet with a deep brick red hue. On the nose, the wine displays typical Nebbiolo characters of rose petal and violets, with subtle star anise notes keeping your attention. The palate is deep, structured and powerful, all elements we pride ourselves on when working with special varietal. Rich red fruits, spiced plums and red liquorice lead us to solid earthy tannins, and a remarkably bright and generous finish. Perfect with a winter duck ragout.

### Final Analysis

Alcohol: 13.3 % Alc/Vol

Acid: 6.3g/L

pH: 3.54

Bottled: November 2021

Released: September 2023

