

LiNO RAMBLE

Flag waivers for future proof varieties, we've chosen to work with growers who have a preference for organic and biodynamic farming.

Endeavouring to make wines which display characters that at once tie them to their European originals with the saline, textural nuance of where they are grown

In the winery we take a minimal intervention approach and texture is king. Turning tiny parcels of excellent fruit into varietal wines reflective of the characters inherent to each grape and a good dose of McLaren Vale's unique Mediterranean/Australian terroir.

2020 BLINDMANS BLUFF: Bastardo

Bastardo is a great name for a grape, the French call it Trousseau and the Spanish call it Merenzao, we call it Bastardo which is what the Portugese call it.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

2020 was an exceptionally challenging growing season. Bushfires, strong winds during flowering, very dry winter and a very hot December reduced yields and seriously kept everyone on their toes. Fortunately, we were saved by excellent late January rainfall and a mild autumn from then on. Our focus on climate appropriate varieties held us in good stead. And Bastardo was no exception.

WINEMAKING

Always the first fruit we pick each vintage. Harvested beginning of February. Hand harvested, 25% whole bunch and 90 day skin contact time. Wild fermented with no added acid, enzymes or tannins. 10 months oak maturation in 700L. Demi Muids. The whole bunch gives this wine a beautiful carbonic maceration lift

TASTES LIKE

Medium bodied, red fruits and spicy cherry with a savoury earthy undergrowth character. Light tannins, warm brambly finish. Intriguing and inviting.

DRINK WITH

Peri Peri Chicken

WINEMAKER

Andy Coppard

VITICULTURALIST

Matt Hatwell

VINEYARD

Chalk Hill Viticulture's California Road Vineyard

VARIETY

100% Bastardo

GEOLOGY

Montacute Dolomite: blue/grey thinly bedded dolomite with black chert lenses

ELEVATION

50m above sea level

- Alcohol 12.5%
- pH: 3.68
- TA: 5.75 g/L

