

OTTELIA

RIESLING

2019 MOUNT GAMBIER



The Ellis family's vineyards are in the Mount Gambier GI and located to the SW of Mount Gambier in the Kongorong area. The close proximity to the Southern Ocean provides the coolest maritime climate in mainland Australia with a similar heat summation as Marlborough NZ. The maritime climate allows for an extended ripening period through autumn, which is ideal for the accumulation of flavour and optimum ripening.

The vineyards are planted in fractured limestone, which forms much of the surface cover in this relatively flat but undulating area, lying a few metres above sea level. Underlying the limestone is a ribbon of shallow but fertile soil that allows the vines to develop in this challenging soil profile. The surface limestone is very flinty and this contributes to the mineral elements and hint of gun smoke character in the wine.

The vineyard is cane pruned and 2019 yields sat at 7.5 tonnes per hectare. Fruit flavours are closely monitored in the vineyard and harvested when the optimal balance of flavour, acid and structure are achieved. The fruit was machine harvested pre dawn while the fruit is still cold and then delivered to the winery for processing. Maximum care is taken to process the fruit gently so as to avoid over extraction and to maintain vibrant fruit characters. Juice is cold settled and fined with milk to minimise phenolics, racked and cold fermented over a three week period. The wine is then left on yeast lees through cold stabilisation and up until the wine is bentonite fined and clarified, a month before bottling.

ANALYSIS AT HARVEST:

Be 10.9
pH 3.01
Acid 9.62 g/l
Harvest Date 21st March

BOTTLED WINE ANALYSIS:

Alcohol 10.9 %
pH 2.92
Acid 8.96 g/l
Sugar 6.7 g/l
Bottled June 2019

TASTING NOTES

NOSE: Fragrant lime, lemon thyme and citrus blossom aromas

PALATE: Eloquent grapefruit, herbal and mineral qualities with tingling cool climate acidity and an engaging finish.

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