



# VERDELHO 2021

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## Background:

Verdelho hails from Madeira but was introduced into Western Australia by the early settlers. It has been a mainstream grape in this state ever since.

Verdelho is capable of producing distinctive dry wines as well as luscious sweet and fortified styles. Even at high sugar levels, the natural tendency is to retain a healthy acidity in the grapes. This makes for healthy ferments and sparkling fruit flavours and a wine that cellars well, improving as it gets older. It is a great grape for warm climates but by virtue of its early ripening habit adapts well to cooler areas.

Verdelho is not an easy grape to grow because of its susceptibility to powdery mildew. If one relaxes ones vigilance it will reveal the problem faster than the roses that are occasionally planted at the end of vine rows for that purpose.



## Current Release: 2021 Vintage

### Viticultural & vinification notes

<b>VINTAGE CONDITIONS</b>	An unusually wet season presented many challenges in the vineyard. Thankfully our unique trellis system and attention to detail produced quality fruit despite the challenges
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Three Hills Karridale Hand pruned to rods Hand picked
<b>GRAPE VARIETY</b>	100% Verdelho
<b>MATURATION</b>	Stainless steel and bottled under screw cap
<b>WINE ANALYSIS</b>	Alc/Vol: 13.5% Acidity: 6.0 g/l pH: 3.30 Residual Sugar: 0.5g/l

### Winemaker's comments

<b>COLOUR</b>	Pale straw with a green straw hue
<b>NOSE</b>	A pungent fruit salad aroma with strong nectarine, ripe pear, white flowers, candy apple, lychee and guava characters, with hints of kiwi fruit, honeysuckle, passionfruit and lanolin.
<b>PALATE</b>	A richly flavoured wine with an abundance of sweet fruit. Ripe nectarine and tropical fruits dominate which is typical of the variety, while more subtle characters like rock melon, peach, cumquat, grapefruit, lemon cordial and confection are also present. The wine is textural with refreshing chalky acidity and a flavour profile that compliments spicy food perfectly.

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