SMALL BATCH GRENACHE BLANC 2024



THE STORY

An important variety throughout southern France, Grenache Blanc is beginning to gain a foothold in Australia, where it is particularly suited to continental climates such as Rutherglen.

THE FRUIT

100% Grenache Blanc from Melville's vineyard to the east of Rutherglen.

GROWING

The growing season was a continuation of the previous two years with relatively low temperatures and higher than average rainfall through spring and early summer. The weather turned for the better in late January, and the fruit was harvested in near perfect condition in the third week of February

WINEMAKING

After crushing and a temperature controlled fermentation, the wine was split into three parcels, with one parcel spending a short period in new French oak, one left on full lees with regular stirring, and the final parcel left in tank.

THE NUMBERS

Harvest: February 2024 pH: 3.08

TA: 7.36 Alcohol: 13.5%

TASTING NOTE

White gold in colour. Subtle aromatics of citrus blossom, nashi pear and just ripe stonefruit. Fine talc like texture through the mid palate, with faint phenolic bitterness adding complexity and interest.

Clean, crisp acidity with delicious lemon curd notes persisting through the finish. A food friendly wine that will drink beautifully over the coming 2-3 years.

