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## Mother Block 2021 Red Blend

**Winemaker:** Bart van Olphen

**Grape(s):** 51% Sagrantino, 16% Piediroso, 11% Negroamaro, 7% Graciano, 5% Teroldego, 5% Nero d'Avola, 5% Uva di Troia

**GI:** Murray Darling

**Site(s):** Estate vineyard at Merbein, Victoria

**Vintage notes:** 2021 was a dream vintage in northwest Victoria, with great growing conditions, even ripening, and nicely balanced crops. The season delivered generous depth of flavor and higher than normal natural acidity—preferred and important in the hot climate the grapes are grown.

**Vineyard notes:** The 35-hectare 'Mother Block' is at the heart of all that the Chalmers family does. As well as it being the location of the family home and business, this unique and diverse vineyard houses plantings of each variety that Chalmers have imported to Australia over the last 20 years. It is the source block for supplying millions of vines planted across Australia. As with all Chalmers sites, working with climate appropriate varieties is key. Soft applications are used on the vineyard and undervine management is kept to bare earth to continue to save water where possible. Large vines and vine canopies are encouraged to grow enough leaf for sufficient transpiration, shade, and coverage to handle the extreme heat waves of the region. The vines are planted on red sandy loam with a limestone base underneath.

**Winemaking:** Machine-harvested and co-fermented. Wild ferment for approximately 20 days, combination of hand plunging and pumping over. Matured in stainless steel for 8 months. Vegan friendly.

**Closure:** Stelvin **ABV:** 13.7%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** A co-fermented blend pulling the best qualities from seven red Italian varieties imported by Chalmers. The aromatics combine red and purple fruits – pomegranate, riberry (a tart native berry), plum, and cherry – with savory qualities of licorice, river mint, and oregano. Gulpable, food-friendly, and bright, the Mother Block Red Blend is a wine for every palate, dish, and occasion.

**Label design:** The label is a watercolor aerial map of the Chalmers Merbein vineyard in Murray Darling, Victoria created by Traverse Maps Co.

**Production size:** 600 dozen