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**VINO VOLTA**

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## **Vino Volta 2021** **“Methode Ancestrale”** **Chenin Blanc**

**Winemaker:** Garth Cliff and Kristen McGann

**Grape(s):** Chenin Blanc

**GI:** Swan District, Western Australia

**Site(s):** Two vineyards, one in Swan Valley (Fishtail Vineyard) and one in Swan District (in the town of Gingin)

**Vintage notes:** 2021 had a warm December and then a cool January. This allowed for steady ripening through to picking. Chenin from 2021 has great natural acid levels.

**Vineyard notes:** From two old-vine plots, one in Swan Valley and one in Gingin, both of loam and sand. Fishtail vineyard in Swan Valley is in Caversham on a loamy sand, with an average vine age of 30 years. Vine rows are east-west and vertically trained. The Gingin vineyard is one of the oldest in the region with 50 year-old vines, east-west row orientation on a south facing slope, 90m altitude on sand and loam.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked on January 14 and 29. Whole-bunch pressed and then wild fermented with low turbidity juice. Fermentation finishes in bottle, using up the last of the grape-derived sugars and naturally gains some bubbles. This “methode ancestrale” traps in all the fresh fruit and ferment character and also means these wines have absolute minimum sulfur, with only yeast-derived sulfites being present.

**Closure:** Crown seal **ABV:** 12.5%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** This lightly sparkling pet-nat has an aromatic nose of white grapefruit pith, lemon sherbet, desert lime (a sweet-skinned native citrus), and white lilies. On the palate, the tart fruit and florals continue with a clean, linear, zesty line. A white rock minerality shines through too—a fun but complex, easy-drinking sparkler.

**Label:** Designed and created by Anitra Stene and Garth Cliff. The creatures dancing are a continuous ink brush drawing inspired by Qin Feng. According to Garth, “the various creatures on the label signify the bubbles and yeast having a bit of a party.”

**Production size:** 450 dozen