



RASA WINES

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RASA 2020 'Dusty Miller' Macération White

Winemaker: Andy Cummins

Grapes: 40% Semillon, 39% Riesling, 21% Muscat

GI: Barossa

Sites: Three single vineyards in Vine Vale (semillon), Bethany (muscat), and Eden Valley (riesling)

Vintage notes: Average rainfall through the winter, which was up from the previous year. A chilly and windy spring, with some weather events that created flowering issues, resulting in shot berries later in the year. Dry and cool summer, but with some warm weather spikes in February as grapes went through veraison. Not an easy vintage, but one that resulted in expressive, concentrated, balanced wine.

Vineyard notes: The semillon (pink hued Madeira clone) planted in Vine Vale on deep, sandy soil over orange clay. The riesling, in Eden Valley, planted on shallow to moderately deep acidic soils on quartz. The muscat (blanc à petits grains) from Bethany, planted in hard red-brown texture contrast soils with alkaline subsoil. All vineyards are practicing organic with mature vine age.

Winemaking: Semillon was picked on February 9, 2020. Carbonic maceration into a two-week wild ferment, before pressing into old French barriques where primary ferment finished. The riesling was picked on March 12, 2020, destemmed, then pressed to old French barriques for fermentation. These barrels weren't topped and a flor formed until racking to blend. The muscat was picked on February 1, 2020, destemmed, and open fermented on skins, where it sat for 6 weeks. Pressed to old French hogsheads.

Closure: Natural cork **ABV:** 12%

LEGEND tasting notes: Golden in color but without any turbidity. Highly aromatic, with lifted Kakadu plum (a native salty green plum), chamomile, lemon myrtle, and orange zest. An Atherton almond (a Queensland delicacy) aromatic that transfers to the palate with a briny length. Chalky phenolics, saltbush, ripe orange citrus, lemon aspen (a floral native citrus), candied ginger and ripe pear skin. Well balanced and long. Best served a bit cooler than room temp and loves being in a decanter.

Label design: All label art is done by Andy's younger sister, Lily Cummins, who holds a Masters from the National Art School in Sydney. She visits the vineyards, tastes the wines, and then does a rendering based on her impressions. 'Dusty Miller' is the common name for silver/grey leaved plants in the Jacobaea family.

Production size: 44 dozen