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## **RASA 2020 'Scaly Buttons'**

**Winemaker:** Andy Cummins

**Grapes:** 77% Muscat Rouge, 23% Semillon

**GI:** Barossa

**Sites:** Single vineyard in Vine Vale

**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) and muscat rouge are planted in Vine Vale on deep, sandy soil over orange clay. Practicing organic with mature vine age.

**Winemaking:** Both grapes picked on February 15, 2020. Semillon was destemmed and pressed into stainless tank with a portion of whole bunch muscat rouge added to the semillon juice. The balance of the muscat rouge was fermented using carbonic maceration for 12 days, then pressed to old French hogsheads. The pressed skins were then added back to the fermenting semillon and muscat rouge whole bunches for an extended maceration of 8 weeks, then pressed to old French hogsheads.

**Closure:** Natural cork

**ABV:** 11.5%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** Pale ruby in color. Aromatics of small red berries (lilly pilly, muntries), musky florals, Turkish delight, and a hint of sea spray. Nuances of strawberry gum, Frankincense, rose water, anise myrtle, and caperberry on the palate. Bright with a crunchy mid palate and savory, soft tannins.

**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. 'Scaly Buttons' is the common name for Leptorhynchos squamatus, a flowering bush with yellow daisies and long, scaly stalks.

**Production size:** 44 dozen