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Mother Block 2022

Skin Contact

Winemaker: Bart van Olphen

Grape(s): 41% Vermentino, 19% Ansonica, 19% Pecorino, 14% Falanghina, 5% Moscato Giallo, 1% Grechetto, 1% Nosiola

GI: Murray Darling **Production size:** 500 dozen

Site(s): Chalmers estate vineyard at Merbein, Victoria

Vintage notes: The 2022 vintage saw summer temperatures well below the average with cooler nights. This allowed for longer hangtime, giving more flavor development while retaining higher natural acidity. Ferments behaved in most situations normally, but with a couple of exceptions finishing when the weather warmed up in Spring.

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: A combination of machine and hand harvests over a couple weeks. Multiple batches all destemmed and fermented on skins with native yeasts. Skin contact varied between 7 and 18 days. Blended and aged in tank for 4 months of fine lees, unfiltered and unfinned, and vegan friendly.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13.1%

Legend tasting notes: A co-fermented blend pulling the best qualities from multiple white Italian varieties imported by Chalmers. The aromatics combine lemon aspen, coconut husk, and river mint. The palate shows skinsy, phenolic grip and texture with soft herbs, melon, and a little bitter twang that leads into a refreshing and bright finish. Gulpable, food-friendly, and bright, the Mother Block Skin Contact 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.