

MINIMUM

red 2022



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Matt Purbrick & Leigh Ritchie

Grape(s): 55% Sangiovese, 21% Syrah, 13% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Mataro

GI: Goulburn Valley, Victoria

Site(s): Estate Vineyard

Vintage notes: 2022 was a cooler and wetter year in the Goulburn Valley which resulted in very full canopy development and a longer, more relaxed growing season. The grapes for this rosé were picked from late February into early March. Yields were slightly above average in general, as was quality, which gave plenty of great fruit to work with for the season.

Vineyard notes: Matt and Lentil Purbrick took over the management of their estate vineyard in the Goulburn Valley in 2017, converting it to organics and regenerative farming techniques, including green manure cover crops, compost teas, mulching, under-vine cultivation, no chemicals or pesticides, and advanced water-saving practices. In just that short period of time, Minimum has seen measurable increases in soil life and massive increases in natural resistance to pests and disease. The vineyard is near Toolamba, right alongside Gaiyala (the Goulburn River), where the climate is borderline Sicilian (warm and Mediterranean) and the soils are sandy loams with ferric-oxide content. ACO Certified Organic and Certified B-Corp.

Winemaking: All components wild fermented on full skins in varietal batches. Most volumes were open fermented in concrete vats lined with beeswax. Some in stainless steel tanks for 14 days. All transferred to old oak vessels, small and large, after primary fermentation for full malolactic fermentation. Barrel-aged for 10 months, before bringing together for a further 2 months of bulk maturation, and bottling.

Closure: Natural cork **ABV:** 13%

LEGEND tasting notes: Dark red cherries, forest floor, sun-kissed green strawberries, lilly pilly (a native red tart berry), crushed herbs, dried violets, and faint whiffs of leather round out the aromas. The palate gives round vibes with a light grip. Easy and gulpable, without sacrificing complexity and food-friendliness.

Production size: 1500 dozen