

MINIMUM

red 2021



LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Matt Purbrick & Leigh Ritchie

Grape(s): 70% Sangiovese, 23% Syrah, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot

GI: Goulburn Valley, Victoria

Site(s): Estate Vineyard

Vintage notes: Vintage 2021 began as a classic Goulburn Valley growing season. Hot temperatures, low rainfall, everything as expected. But in late March, things cooled rapidly and the rain began, leading to one of our longest start-to-end harvesting periods ever experienced. Due to the slow ripening, the sangiovese from 2021 is more broody, a little less fruit-forward, and much more complex than its regular beat - a lovely variation on the norm.

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 mainly in varietal batches, plus some co-fermentation, all in stainless steel tanks for 14 days before transferring to old oak vessels, small and large, for malolactic fermentation. Barrel-aged for 10 months, before bringing together for a further month 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, and faint whiffs of leather round out the aromas. The palate is round vibes with a light grip. Easy and gulpable, without sacrificing complexity and food-friendliness.

Production size: 2100 dozen