

VINO VOLTA

post modern seriousness grenache 2022



LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Garth Cliff and Kristen McGann

Grape(s): Grenache

GI: Swan Valley, Western Australia

Site(s): Batistessa and Zannino Vineyards

Vintage notes: 2022 had an average early season that headed into a prolonged warm spell from late December with several heat spikes - way more than usual. This made for an unpredictable harvest period where ripening was at times accelerated and at times delayed. Grenache is an isohydric variety that exhibits an ability to close its stomata and hence regulate evapotranspiration during excessive heat - combined with the old vines here, the results were of the best quality even in an erratic year.

Vineyard notes: From two dry-grown old bush-vine plots at the base of the Darling Scarp, consisting of gravel and sand over coffee rock. The vines are around 65 years of age. Bush vines really suit grenache in a warm region. The 3-dimensional architecture of the vine creates good bunch spacing and air flow. The canopy is also well spaced and provides a good amount of shade and dappled light to the bunches. Farmed without chemical inputs.

Winemaking: Hand-harvested on January 31st and February 18th. Wild ferment with 10% whole bunch across several small ferments. Ferments are macerated for around 21 days where tannin integrates and the wines reach a floral/aromatic peak. They are then blended and pressed to old oak for an eight-month maturation on lees.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 13.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: This is a bright, exuberant, modern expression of grenache. Wild strawberries, raspberry, sour cherry, and lilly pilly (a punchy native pink berry) define the fruit profile, with cherry blossom, sarsaparilla, and dried anise myrtle. Juicy upfront, with a whack of grippy tannins on the back end to maintain shape and freshness.

Label: Designed by Anitra Stene and Garth Cliff, most of Vino Volta's labels are based on the same scene: the vineyards below the Darling Scarp with the Swan River winding through. The Noongar people believed the Swan River was created by the Wagyl, a Rainbow Serpent.

Production size: 345 dozen

Scores: 94 Points, Wine Advocate