

# VINO VOLTA

'funky and fearless'  
chenin blanc 2021



# LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

**Winemaker:** Garth Cliff and Kristen McGann

**Grape(s):** Chenin Blanc

**GI:** Swan Valley, Western Australia

**Site(s):** Rocket's Vineyard, Upper Swan

**Vintage notes:** 2021 had a warm December and then a cool January. This allowed for steady ripening through to picking. Chenin from 2021 has great natural acid levels.

**Vineyard notes:** From an old-vine plot in Upper Swan, on loam, organically-grown (certified) and dry-farmed. The vines are 30 years of age. The site here is a little more undulating than much of Swan Valley and the vines are planted in east-west row orientation and vertically trained.

**Winemaking:** Hand-picked on January 22. Whole bunch pressed to old oak. Natural high solids ferment with monthly lees stirring. Malolactic fermentation is arrested to preserve natural acidity. A small amount of sulphur dioxide is added early after ferment to achieve this.

**Closure:** Stelvin **ABV:** 13.5%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** The aromatics combine passion fruit, lemon aspen (a floral native citrus), and lime pith, with preserved lemon, cider, and wasabi. The palate has a mealy and waxy texture that gives complexity and nuance to the clean acid line. A tightrope walk of a wine, balancing all sorts of flavors and textures into a cohesive, complex, and just plain delicious package.

**Label:** Designed and created 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 its way through. The Noongar people believed the Swan River was created by the Wagyl, a Rainbow Serpent. Different wines have different color variants and artistic interpretation of the same scene.

**Production size:** 250 dozen

**Scores:** 94 Points, Editor's Choice (Wine Enthusiast)