## VINO VOLTA

## 'nothing wrong with old skool' chenin blanc 2021





Winemaker: Garth Cliff and Kristen McGann

Grape(s): Chenin Blanc

GI: Swan District, Western Australia

**Site(s):** A single vineyard in Gingin, Swan District **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 a vineyard in Gingin, one of the oldest in the region with 50 year-old vines. Eastwest row orientation on a south-facing slope, at around 90m altitude on sand and loam. In the process of organic conversion.

Winemaking: A tribute to how Chenin blanc has historically been made in the Swan Valley. As a result, this is the only inoculated ferment that Vino Volta does. It is a leaner style showcasing pure Chenin fruit character with an herbal edge. Chenin is a textural variety and this is allowed to develop further with lees contact in stainless steel over eight months or so. Bottled in October 2022.

Closure: Stelvin ABV: 12.5%

**LEGEND tasting notes:** The wine is bright, with pungent finger lime citrus, granny smith apple, dried lemon myrtle and more subtle tropical character. It has some plumpness in the middle palate with good acidity on the finish. This wine is delicious now and cellar worthy. In time it will develop honeyed, toasty and nutty characters while retaining its citrus core.

**Label:** Designed and created by Anitra Stene and Garth Cliff. The creatures dancing are a continuous ink brush drawing inspired by Qin Feng.

**Production size:** 330 dozen dozen

Scores: 92 Points, Hidden Gem (Wine Enthusiast)