

VINO VOLTA

'nothing wrong with old skool'
chenin blanc 2022



LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

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: 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.

Vineyard notes: From a vineyard in Gingin, one of the oldest in the region with 50 year-old vines. East-west 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: picked early, aged in stainless steel, and made in 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

Points: 94 Wine Advocate; 92, James Suckling