

VINO VOLTA

post modern seriousness grenache 2023



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: Late winter rains and a warm start to spring - as is becoming the norm - led to good early season growth. Mild conditions prevailed for the remainder of spring, setting the vines up for a memorable year. Summer was warm with only a couple of days reaching 40C and the heat spikes were not prolonged. Disease was non-existent, with slower than usual ripening. A peak vintage for Swan Valley grenache.

Vineyard notes: From several dry-grown bush-vine plots at the base of the Darling Scarp, consisting of gravel and sand over coffee rock. The vines are a minimum of 35 years of age. Bush vines 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. All vineyards are farmed by Vino Volta organically.

Winemaking: Wild ferment with 20% whole bunch across several small ferments. Ferments are macerated for around 4-5 weeks 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.

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