

VINO VOLTA

'funky and fearless'
chenin blanc 2024



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: 2024 was dry and hot. Easterly winds just didn't give up, as well, creating the windiest growing period they have seen (as well as earliest). Low yields coupled with these conditions and this parcel of chenin was ready a full month earlier than usual. Despite accelerated ripening, flavors were developed and acids were high--perfect across the board.

Vineyard notes: From an old-vine plot in Upper Swan, on loam, organically-grown (certified) and dry-farmed. The vines are approaching 35 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 6. Whole bunch pressed to old oak. Native yeast high solids ferment with monthly lees stirring in 4-8 year old 350 liter barriques.

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