

MOTHER BLOCK

white blend 2022



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Bart van Olphen

Grape(s): 73% Vermentino, 16% Fiano, 5% Grechetto, 2% Greco, 2% Glera, 1% Pinot Bianco, 1% Pinot Grigio

GI: Murray Darling, Victoria

Site(s): Estate vineyard at Merbein, Victoria

Vintage notes: The 2022 vintage saw summer temperatures well below the average with cooler nights. This allowed for longer hangtime, giving more flavor development while retaining higher natural acidity. Ferments behaved in most situations normally, but with a couple of exceptions finishing when the weather warmed up in Spring.

Vineyard notes: The 35-hectare 'Mother Block' is at the heart of all that the Chalmers family does. As well as it being the location of the family home and business, this unique and diverse vineyard houses plantings of each variety that Chalmers have imported to Australia over the last 20 years. It is the source block for supplying millions of vines planted across Australia. As with all Chalmers sites, working with climate appropriate varieties is key. Soft applications are used on the vineyard and undervine management is kept to bare earth to continue to save water where possible. Large vines and vine canopies are encouraged to grow enough leaf for sufficient transpiration, shade, and coverage to handle the extreme heat waves of the region. The vines are planted on red sandy loam with a limestone base underneath.

Winemaking: Night machine harvested to retain freshness, pressed and co-fermented on full solids. Wild ferment, temperature controlled, maturation in stainless steel with 6 months on lees. Vegan friendly.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 12.3%

Legend tasting notes: A co-fermented blend pulling the best qualities from four white Italian varieties imported by Chalmers. The aromatics combine citrus, florals, and orchard fruit in the form of tangerine, lemon aspen (a floral native citrus), pear blossom, and golden apple. Dry and bright, but with a light textural grip on the finish, this wine is a crowd-pleaser for any audience, dish, and occasion.

Label design: The label is a watercolor aerial map of the Chalmers Merbein vineyard in Murray Darling, Victoria created by Traverse Maps Co.

Production size: 1200 dozen

Scores: 91 Points (Wine Advocate)