

VINO VOLTA

pezzonovante grenache 2023



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AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Garth Cliff and Kristen McGann

Grape(s): Grenache

GI: Swan Valley, Western Australia

Site(s): Scampoli 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 a 35 year old, dry-grown old bush-vine plot at the base of the Darling Scarp, consisting of gravel and sand over coffee rock - what Vino Volta considers the most suited soil type for grenache in Swan Valley. The vines are around 65 years of age. Bush vines really 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.

Winemaking: Wild ferment with 20% whole bunch and extended maceration, where tannin integrates and the wines reach a floral and aromatic peak. Matured in old, used oak for about 8 months, with only the best barrels selected to make this wine.

Closure: Stelvin **ABV:** 14%

Tasting notes: *Pezzonovante* is slang from The Godfather, translating directly to “90-caliber” but used more like “bigshot”. Vino Volta’s “bigshot” grenache is big in its depth, complexity, and magnitude, while still maintaining elegance, brightness, and transparency. This is modern grenache at its finest, with red fruits on the nose intermixing with dried herbs, savory earth, saline brightness, and a huge depth of flavor. Good depth yet poised and delicate with fine tannins giving the wine shape.

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: 125 dozen