



Laissez-Faire

Laissez-Faire means “let it be” and this reflects our hands off approach.

Whilst we’ve learnt from organics, bio-dynamics and natural wine practices, we’re not dictated by one school of thought. We don’t subscribe to dogma. You could call them natural wines, but we like to think of them as “post natural wines”.

We believe in healthy and sustainable vineyard practices, and a winemaking transparency with as little as possible between the vine and finished wine.

Whereas a lot of wines presented as “natural” can be sourced from chemically cultivated vines without accountability, we grow all our own grapes. Our Grenache and Syrah vines are dry grown. And whilst copper is allowed in organic viticulture, we use minimal copper treatments.

In our Laissez-Faire winemaking, there’s no added tannin, or acid, or animal fining products. There is zero sulphur use throughout the winemaking, and only a minimal amount at bottling. We’re using alternate varieties and blends to make naturally balanced wines. From vine to bottle, the wine takes its course, hands free.

2017 Riesling

THE VINTAGE:

High rainfall over winter followed by a very cool summer, with harvest being extended into mid-May. The dry, cool conditions helped yield some of the best Riesling, Shiraz and Cabernet seen in many years. Fruit thinning was essential and in some cases many passes were made to get the crop loads balanced but diligence and patience were rewarded.

THE WINEMAKING:

Fruit was hand-picked and whole bunch pressed. Juice was settled without the addition of enzymes, sulphur or acid. Once settled, it fermented naturally at low temperature for six weeks.

THE WINE:

A bouquet reminiscent of red apple and white peach with mineral notes in the background. White stone fruit flavours are persistent on the pallet, there is a subtle texture with tight knit acidity lingering in the background which provides length and persistence.

DRINK WITH:

Prosciutto-wrapped tiger prawns with pickled veg. slaw.

Vineyard	Various
Year Planted	1998
Location	Porongurup, WA
Vines per Hectare	1800
Irrigation	Yes
Clone/s	Unknown
Rootstock	Own
Aspect	South Facing
Soils	Sandy Loam

Origin	Porongurup, WA
Variety	Riesling
Picking date	April 2017
Sugar at picking	11.4°Baume
Alcohol	11.9%
pH	2.9
Total acidity	7.98 g/L
Residual sugar	2.0 g/L
Bottled	July 2017
Cellaring Potential	10-15 years

Vegan	Yes
Vegetarian	Yes
Organic	N/A
Biodynamic	N/A
Allergens	Low Sulphites