



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.

2022 Mencia

THE VINTAGE:

A succession of very good seasons for Frankland River; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and now 2022. Riesling, Shiraz and Cabernet begin the easier varieties, all performed exceptionally with very good flavour, acidity and freshness, however there are not many varieties that did not perform at their peak this harvest. A mild wet winter followed by dry and warm conditions leading up to harvest resulted with a season which had a long but gentle finish. Fruit harvested was in near perfect condition and will result in some very long lived wines.

THE WINE MAKING:

The fruit was hand picked and sorted from the Riversdale vineyard at 13% alcohol, the wine is mid weighted but has a soft texture with abundant but sweet tannins from open fermentation. Maceration was carried out in 3 year old French oak for 6 months.

THE WINE:

Mencia is a Spanish grape, from the north west region of Spain called Galicia. It is thought to be a descendant of Cabernet Franc. Black berry, earth and red flavours dominate the aromas. The palate is peppery and earthy with abundant but sweet tannins. Oak is understated.

Vineyard	Riversdale	Origin	Great Southern, WA	Vegan	Yes
Year Planted	2012	Variety	Mencia	Vegetarian	Yes
Location	Frankland River, WA	Picking date	April 2022	Organic	N/A
Vines per Hectare	1380	Sugar at picking	13.9 °Baume	Biodynamic	N/A
Irrigation	Yes	Alcohol	14.4%	Allergens	Low Sulphites
Clone/s	Unknown	pH	3.55		
Rootstock	Own	Total acidity	5.75 g/L		
Aspect	North	Residual sugar	2 g/L		
Soils	Sandy Loam	Bottled	March 2023		
		Cellaring Potential	5+ years		