HEAD
BAROSSA



2021 HEAD 'THE CONTRARIAN'

Viognier

EDEN VALLEY - BAROSSA

Each vintage I like to express the Barossa in a contrary manner. 'The Contrarian' is my indulgent, creative winemaking outlet and challenges traditional concepts around Barossan Wine.

I have been working with Viognier for 16 years now and have always left other winemakers to bottle the wine. The main reasons are that I do not enjoy drinking the style that is put forward in Australia let alone Condrieu. On my second visit to Chateau Grillet in 2013 I decided I would one day 'chase' their style but would need to bide my time and create the opportunity. The magnificent 2021 viognier came from the highest altitude Viognier vines I could find. We processed and matured the grapes using what was a mix of older Grillet & Chablis techniques. Ultimately this is a wine that will blossom with bottle age but if you need to drink it young please find some soft cheese, perhaps Brillat-Savarin to help with the high acidity. 80 dozen produced. *Alex Head*

94+ Pts — Gary Walsh, The Wine Front

'So much white flower, like jasmine, and ginger too, fresh apricot and almond. It's crisp, quite acidic, but kind of buttery too, lots of crunch, ginger and lemon zest, tight and savoury, with a mouth-watering spicy finish of excellent length. Flinty and firm, but with lots more to offer with considered cellaring. Deft, precise, and beautifully made.'

94 Pts — Huon Hooke, Real Review

'A complex bouquet, which may owe something to (very subtle) barrel use. It brings out something extra in the fruit without adding overt oak character. The texture of the wine is delicious: soft and yet subtly assertive at the same time.'

RAINFALL:	461ml (April 20-March 21 avg. 465ml)
VINEYARD:	Flaxman Valley (100% Eden Valley) at 480m elevation
VARIETAL:	100% Viognier
VINE AGE:	20 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Red/orange clay, ironstone & quartz
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 34hl/h
PRODUCTION:	80 dozen
VINIFICATION:	Whole bunch Press straight to barrel & 100% Malo-lactic fermentation.
MATURATION:	12 months on fine lees in 50% new Austrian barrels
BOTTLING:	February 22, minimal So2
ACIDITY:	6.5g/l
ALCOHOL:	12.0%

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