YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

BLANC

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in the north-east of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2020 BLANC

Blanc is the result of years of research and quarantine of the best white varieties we could find amongst the ancient north-west Mediterranean vine types. The fact that these Châteauneuf varieties have been successfully blended for so many years encouraged us to pursue Châteauneuf's top whites on our southern coast. The Blanc is produced using the simplest winemaking techniques to showcase the fresh and crunchy style these varieties provide.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2020 growing season began with an extremely hot spring, resulting in the lowest yields on record. Luckily, as the grapes started their ripening process, the weather cooled to one of the mildest ripening seasons to date resulting in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity, brightness of fruit, and above all, beautiful finesse and balanced tannins.

Although the devastating bushfires ravaged vast areas of Australia, McLaren Vale was fortunately spared, and our vineyards were unaffected by smoke taint.

WINEMAKING

The Grenache Blanc and Roussanne were hand-picked, whole bunch pressed and fermented separately. The Picpoul, Clairette and Bourboulenc were picked together, as their ripeness was very similar, and volumes were small. These varieties are supposedly very susceptible to oxidation, but we find we get better results by not adding sulphur until the completion of primary sugar fermentation. The resulting wine was then matured in those same vessels on lees and stirred monthly for 4 months. Bottled July 2020.

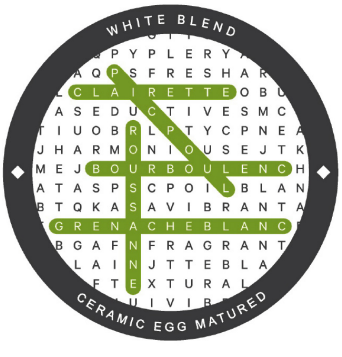
VARIETY
62% Grenache Blanc,
17% Roussanne, 10% Clairette,
8% Picpoul, 3% Bourboulenc

GEOLOGY
Sandy loam over clay, sandy loam mottled with ironstone fragments over clay

ELEVATION
150m above sea level

ALCOHOL
13.0%

PH	TA
3.46	5.2 g/L



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