YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

Ovitelli Blanc

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge 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 OVITELLI BLANC

Inspired by the textural white wines of the Southern Rhône, Ovitelli Blanc brings these traditional varieties together in blended harmony. Gently fermented and aged with skin contact in large ceramic eggs.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season was affected by a very hot spring, leading to the lowest yields on record. As the grapes started their ripening process the weather miraculously cooled to a very mild ripening season. This resulted in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity and brightness of fruit, but above all, beautiful finesse and balanced tannins.

WINEMAKING

2020 is the first release of this Rhône inspired white blend from the estate. All blocks were handpicked, beginning 3rd of March, and completed 16th March. The beauty of this wine is the culmination of its parts, each brought to the blend through carefully chosen processes. Portions of the Grenache Blanc and Roussanne are macerated on skins for an extended period, between 90 and 126 days. The remaining varietal batches are whole bunch basket pressed, and only the very lightest pressings are kept separate to be considered for the final blend. These are unfined, unsettled and fermented exclusively in ceramic eggs. No sulphur is added until the extended skin contact portion is removed from skins and the pressed juice has completed fermentation. 59% of the final blend was macerated on skins. Bottled November 2020.

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VARIETY
50% Grenache Blanc
25% Roussanne
12% Clairette
9% Piquepoul
4% Bourboulenc

REGION
Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

BLOCKS
9 and 6

SOIL
Weathered sands mixed with ironstone gravels

GEOLOGY
North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION
170 – 190m above sea level

YIELD
5.2 tonnes per hectare
or 24 – 28 hectolitres per hectare

ALCOHOL
13.0%

PH 3.30
TA 6.0 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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