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.

2021 BLANC

Blanc is the result of years of research and quarantine of the best white varieties we can 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 2021 growing season was very favourable with ample winter rain, a mild flowering and fruit set period, and continued rainfall throughout spring that resulted in healthy canopy. The cool ripening period took place between late January and mid-February delayed harvest, though, resulted in yields with good balance between vine vigour and moderate berry size. We were very pleased with the fruit ripeness, intensity, freshness and natural acidity.

The Roussanne was picked early to mid harvest (16th March), Grenache Blanc, Picpoul & Bourbelenc mid harvest (31st March) and the Clairette to final grapes to be picked (16th April).

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 August 2021.

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
3.31	5.3 g/L



WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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