

2022 Corymbia Rocket's Vineyard Chenin Blanc Swan Valley, Western Australia

Rocket's Vineyard Chenin Blanc reached a significant birthday in 2022; the big 3-0! What a decade ahead for these vines; just coming into their own, oozing their true character. Following their passion, not the crowd. No more big Saturday nights out, realising that sustainable quality over quantity is key. Knowledge and self-confidence with peak core strength, these vines are aware of the world, their potential in it and know where they're heading.

The fruit

We dedicate our single vineyard Swan Valley wines to Rob's late father and former Australian Test Cricketer Tony "Rocket" Mann. With a lightening arm, Tony was well known to "rocket" the ball in from the outfield to hit middle stump. Aside from cricket, Tony loved wine. An old currant vineyard caught his eye, which he quickly transformed into a Chenin Blanc oasis, with Rob, 30 years ago. The fruit is now dry grown and organically farmed by Rob and Genevieve Mann. In July 2022 we proudly achieved "certified organic" status with ACO Certification Ltd.

The wine

The grapes were hand harvested and whole bunch pressed prior to natural fermentation. A portion was fermented & matured in seasoned French oak barriques for 5 months prior to blending and bottling. The wine smells of jasmine blossom, ruby grapefruit and freshly picked red Johnathon apples straight from the tree. Packham pears, Kumamoto oysters and beeswax fill the palate but it's the texture that grabs your full attention. The balance at play between the juicy, saline tang and the soft, creamy, flinty notes drives home the Rocket's Vineyard pedigree. Classic Rocket's Vineyard Chenin Blanc at its best.

The label

Corymbia calophylla is the botanical name for the West Australian marri tree which grows tall and strong on the state's best vineyard sites. The image is a graphical expression of the 12-month climatic data for the vintage year, whose form represents the marri blossom in full bloom. The 365 stamens represent the daily minimum and maximum temperatures against the monthly average. The darker colored blocks represent the monthly & average rainfall. January is at 12 o'clock and the red stamen is the harvest date. The infographic mimics our natural environment as its form changes subtly each year and is the purest expression of the vintage conditions in which our fruit was grown. Label design by graphic designer Emma Mann.

Technical Data

Vineyard Rocket's Vineyard, Upper Swan, WA

Variety 100% Chenin Blanc Soils Houghton loam

Clones Noack massale selection planted in 1992

Rootstock Schwarzman

Vine density 1540 vines per hectare Picking date 2nd February 2022

Alcohol 12.7% Residual sugar 0.6 g/l

pH 3.18 Bottling date 25th July 2022 Total Acidity 5.99 g/l Best drinking now to 2030

