

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE BIANCO \ ROSSO \ MOSCATO



The Grapes

The 2022 Montevecchio Rosso is a field blend made up of Lagrein 28%, Nero d'Avola 25%, Sagrantino 20%, Sangiovese 11%, Nebbiolo 9%, Schioppettino 6% and Lambrusco Maestri 1%. Most of these varieties were imported by us at Chalmers over the last 25 years and highlights the diversity and success of Italian Varieties here in Australia. The origin of these grapes come from all over Italy, with Lagrein and Schioppettino from the north, to Piedirosso, Sagrantino and Aglianico from the south of Italy. It's the sum its parts that make this wine the quintessential classic dry red wine with delicious personality.

The Vineyard

Chalmers Heathcote Vineyard is in the northern part of the Heathcote GI in Central Victoria, Australia and was established in 2008. The vineyard is farmed with a soil health and sustainability focus. The site is warm and well suited to sun loving Italian varieties. It is planted on the east-facing slope of the Mt Camel range. The elevation of the vineyard ranges from 150 to 225 metres above sea-level where the soil is comprised of the famous ancient red Cambrian earth of the region.

The Winemaking

Montevecchio Rosso is a co-fermented field blend of red Italian varieties, usually fermented in two batches, a mix of the earlier ripening and then the later ripening varieties. The fruit is destemmed and fermented with natural yeasts in open fermenters. The wine undergoes natural malolactic fermentation in stainless steel and is aged on lees for 9-12 months. Montevecchio wines are all vegan friendly.

The Wine

The 2022 vintage saw a lovely balance between flavour development and structure sitting comfortably at 12.5%. Juicy mulberry and plum fruits, red earth, vanilla bean, lifted herbs, brambly notes and graphite pencil shavings. The palate is medium bodied with plenty of generous berry fruits, soft dusty tannins, Cambrian rocky outcrops, and a lick of sweet liquorice to finish, the perfect table wine.

It's fresh and ready to rip. Bright red berry flavours with dustings of aromatic herbs. It's not a big wine in any sense and yet the fruit just seems to tumble over itself, eager to please, all energy and verve, making it a good wine to be around.

91pts - Campbell Mattinson (HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION)