



#### **STORY**

In 1970's Melbourne, Alex Russell's journey into the world of fermentation was starting with humble beginnings; at the counter of a local store sat a Cooper's homebrew kit and it seemed fate had a plan. With the goal of making a beer for his dad, Alex's homebrewing repertoire soon included ginger beer, elderberry wine, cider, mead and wine made from grape juice concentrate. By the age of thirteen, Alex was already on the path to a promising future in winemaking.

A childhood spent growing fruit and vegetables, hunting for game and yabbie fishing after school instilled in Alex a deep respect for the land and all its bounty. This passion for agriculture alongside his budding fermentation hobby laid an obvious road to the pursuit of a career in winemaking.

After studying Viticulture at La Trobe University and Wine Science at Charles Sturt respectively, Alex began working for household names such as Zilzie and Angove before being introduced to the Riverland Vine Improvement Committee (RVIC), a nursery specialising in the importation and propagation of new and alternate

grape varietals from around the world. While working with the RVIC, Alex was exposed to everything from Albarino to Zinfandel, and quickly became their experimental winemaker, establishing the Cirami Estate label in 2008.

After a trip to Spain to meet with an old winemaking colleague from his Zilzie days, Alex decided to branch out on his own and in 2014 he launched his first label 'Alejandro.' Alex's time abroad inspired him to explore the potential of locally grown grapes ordinarily reserved for fortified and cask wines in Australia, grapes that respond exceedingly well to the South Australian climate with all the character and complexity of their Spanish counterparts.

The following year, Alex set up his own winery in a leased shed in Renmark, South Australia, and expanded production to include rare varietals such as Saperavi, Durif, Lagrein, Montepulciano, Vermentino, Cabernet, Shiraz and Tempranillo. From 2016, production included Monastrell, Graciano, Fiano, Bianco d'Alessano, Arneis, Prosecco, Nero d'Avola, Carmenere and Grenache Shiraz Rose.

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While continuing to produce alternate varietal wines from the Riverland and Mildura region of South Australia, Russell & Suitor will be creating premium Tasmanian wines from Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling and Gewürztraminer to name a few.

With new lands come new opportunities and under Russell & Suitor, Alex will continue his tireless pursuit to create the best value and highest quality wines possible.

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## ALEX RUSSELL WINEMAKER

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Russell & Suitor Baila Con Toro Tamar Valley, Tasmania Chardonnay Russell & Suitor Baila Con Toro Pipers River, Tasmania Pinot Noir



#### BAIL<sup>a</sup> CON ToRO

#### Dance with Bulls

Baila con Toro represents the essence of Alex Russell's approach to winemaking, both past and present. New grounds present new opportunities and Baila con Toro wines embody the elegant dance that brings together years of fearless winemaking experience with the gentle hand necessary for a cooler climate. Our impulsive and energetic style lives on in these polished yet vibrant wines, bursting with delicacy and refinement.

RANGE	VARIETIES
Baila Con Toro	Riesling
	Chardonnay
	Pinot Noir

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#### The Huntress

Inspired by a childhood spent foraging and hunting while paying respects to matriarchal ties to the land, CAZADORA represents our range of high end Tasmanian varietal wines produced from family estate-grown fruit in the Pipers River region North of Launceston.

RANGE	VARIETIES
Cazadora	Riesling
	Chardonnay
	Gewurztraminer
	Pinot Noir



Russell & Suitor Cazadora Pipers River, Tasmania Chardonnay

Russell & Suitor Cazadora Pipers River, Tasmania Pinot Noir



#### SON OF A BULL

Like a bull at a gate, Son of A Bull wines are 'live in the moment' wines. Lively, fresh and filled with energy, they are made to drink young - no cellaring required. Spontaneous and uninhibited, frisky and raring to go, Son of a Bull embrace the spirit of the young bull and all its unbridled wonder.

RANGE	VARIETIES
Son of a Bull	Sauvignon Blanc
	Pinot Noir



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Russell & Suitor Son of a Bull Pipers River, Tasmania Pinot Noir



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# ale andro ALTERNATIVE VARIETAL WINES



Our premium offering of alternate varietals, Alejandro wines are inspired by the sun-beaten soils of Southern Spain. The varieties grown for Alejandro such as Monastral, Tinto and Saperavi adapt exceptionally well to the climate of the Murray Darling which mirrors that of their ancestral homes. Dark and fruit-driven, Alejandro wines are the perfect companions for all things tapas.

RANGE	VARIETIES
alejandro	Prosecco
	Rose GSM
	Chardonnay
	Fiano
	Vermentino
	Saperavi
	Durif
	Carmenere
	Graciano
	Lagrein
	Monastrell
	Montepulciano
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Russell & Suitor alejandro Riverland, SA Fiano



Russell & Suitor alejandro Murray Darling, Vic Carmenere



Russell & Suitor alejandro Riverland, SA Lagrein

Russell & Suitor alejandro Murray Darling, VIC Saperavi





Franca's Vineyard produces classic, approachable wines for the discerning crowd. Our aim is to create products with integrity and a welcoming nature. Borne of necessity, Franca's has blossomed into a true venture unto its own with outstanding wines made with the familiar intensity and confidence that has made our winemakers some of the most accoladed in their field.

RANGE	VARIETIES
Franca's Vineyard	Riesling
	Sauvignon Blanc
	Chardonnay
	Tempranillo
	Cabernet Sauvignon



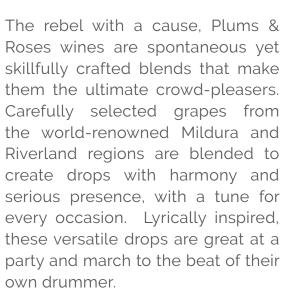




Russell & Suitor Cazadora South Australia Cabernet Sauvignon







RANGE	VARIETIES
Plums & Roses	2 Piece
	3 Piece
	4 Piece
	5 Piece



Russell & Suitor Plums & Roses Riverland, SA 5 Piece | Carignan Russell & Suitor Plums & Roses Riverland, SA 4 Piece | Durif Russell & Suitor Plums & Roses Riverland, SA 3 Piece | GSM



Russell & Suitor Plums & Roses Riverland, SA 2 Piece | Pinot Gris

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