

*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.*

## 2021 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

We had a very favourable growing season, with good winter rains and a mild flowering and fruit set period. Continued spring rainfall ensured a healthy canopy. The yields were pleasing and showed good balance between vine vigour and moderate berry size. The ripening period that began late January was very cool, with some welcome rainfall in mid-February. This delayed harvest, and with the cold nights and mild sunny days we were very pleased with fruit ripeness and intensity. The freshness and bright natural acidity of the fruit were a real feature.

## WINEMAKING

73% Grenache Blanc, 27% Roussanne. The majority of the blocks were handpicked on the 28th of March, with a small parcel of Roussanne included in the blend that was picked earlier on the 11th of March. Portions of the Grenache Blanc and Roussanne are macerated on skins for an extended period, between 112 and 121 days. The remaining batches were whole bunch basket pressed, and only the very lightest pressings are kept separate to be considered for the final blend. These are un-fined, unsettled and fermented exclusively in ceramic eggs. No sulphur is added until the completion of fermentation or the extended skin contact portions are removed from skins. 43% of the final blend was skin contacted. Bottled November 2021.

## ACCLAIM

**96 POINTS** — Andrew Caillard, *The Vintage Journal*, December 2022

**94 POINTS** — Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*, January 2023

**94 POINTS** — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022



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### VARIETY

73% Grenache Blanc  
27% Roussanne

### REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

### BLOCKS

9 and 6

### SOIL

Weathered sands mixed  
with ironstone gravels

### GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands  
(54 million years old)

### BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Fruit

### ELEVATION

170 – 190m above sea level

### ALCOHOL

13.5%

### PH

3.41

### TA

5.0 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane