



## 2020 NERO D'AVOLA

HONOURING OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE OF GRAPE GROWING AND WINEMAKING

### THE GRAPES

Sicily is the home of Nero d'Avola where it has been grown for over 500 years and is the most planted variety in the region. The vines are exceedingly tough and thrive in hot dry conditions. The robust nature of the variety and its ability to produce high quality fruit and resulting wine in a hot climate made it a must-have for the Estate's vineyard. The first vines were planted in 2009.

### THE VINTAGE

The region enjoyed a typical start to a warm and dry growing season with little rainfall in November and December, and average spring temperatures evolving into a near-perfect summer growing cycle. The slightly lower yields have resulted in exceptional fruit ripeness and show an exquisite concentration of aromas and flavours. The overall season offered superb conditions for a range of varieties throughout our vineyards. Across the board, quality was outstanding!

### THE WINEMAKING

The grapes were crushed, de-stemmed and transferred into tank and inoculated with yeast, then fermented over an eight-day period with regular mixing of the must to extract colour and flavour from the skins. After pressing the wine was allowed to settle then racked to French oak barrels. After 12 months in barrel the wine was filtered and bottled in August 2022.

### THE WINE

This wine shows true varietal characteristics of a good Nero d'Avola - a very approachable medium bodied red with a delightful balance of aromatic ripe dark fruits of violets and plum. A hint of savoury oak, balanced acidity and soft ripe tannins make for a long and satisfying finish.

### THE FOOD

Great with tomato-based Mediterranean dishes and barbequed red meats, or even with your favourite burger.

### ANALYSIS

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| Variety:   | Nero d'Avola   |
| Region:    | Murray Darling |
| Alcohol:   | 13.5%          |
| Acid:      | 5.6 g/l        |
| pH:        | 3.58           |
| Sweetness: | Dry            |

