

ROCKY BY MCHENRY HOHNEN ROAD

2022 AROMATICO

This wine is defined by bright and fresh aromatics of nashi pears, star jasmine and loquat fruit. Extended time on fine lees delivers a palate that is refreshing yet complex, with lemon pith phenolics, creamy textures and a distinctive saline finish. An alternative blend of varieties combining purity, interest and great drinkability.

VINTAGE REPORT

A cooler and wet Spring saw vine growth delayed in development and we were set for a late start of harvest. But then Summer came and it was full of sunshine, dry and warm through December, January and February with warm days and also some warm nights. Consistent health post veraison meant ripeness across all white varieties was quicker than average with a rather compressed Chardonnay harvest which started on the 22nd of February and lasted 5 days, about a week quicker than average for us. All whites were picked by the 8th of March. Quality across all whites is excellent, with lots of flavour and concentration yet retaining perfume and drive. The only downside being very low yields across all varietals, particularly Chardonnay.

WINE MAKING

A blend of three varieties: Chenin Blanc, Marsanne and Sauvignon Blanc. The fruit was picked in the cool hours of the night, whole berry pressed and transferred to a combination of stainless steel tanks and concrete vessels for extra texture and aromatic complexity. After fermentation the wine was left on fine lees until Spring and bottled early to retain freshness and aromatic lift.

VINEYARD

The Chenin Blanc is sourced from the Mac Vineyard in Willyabrup, while both Marsanne and Sauvignon are from our Calgardup Brook Vineyard. This vineyard lies just inland from the coast. Its soils are well drained sandy and schisty. The climate of this vineyard is strongly influenced by its immediate vicinity to the Indian Ocean.

DISTRICT OF ORIGIN

100% Margaret River

GRAPES

51% Chenin Blanc | 32% Marsanne | 17% Sauvignon Blanc

ANALYSIS

Alc 13%



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