

Montevecchio

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The Grapes

Montevecchio Moscato 2019 is made from 100% moscato giallo, a cultivar of moscato originating from north-eastern Italy. These grapes are intensely perfumed and distinctly yellow in colour, as the name suggests. Moscato giallo was imported into Australia by the Chalmers family in the late 1990s.

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 red Cambrian earth of the region.

The Winemaking

Montevecchio Moscato is made from 100% moscato giallo grapes that are pressed and wild fermented on solids in stainless steel tank. The wine is fermented very cold, under 10 degrees, and is a long slow ferment. Fermentation is deliberately stopped when the alcohol and sugar are in balance, by intense chilling. The wine is then spritzed during storage in a charmat tank before being bottled, resulting in a lightly frizzante style.

The Wine

This refreshing, light and fruity wine has just a hint of spritz, allowing the bright sherbet, elderflower and honeysuckle flavours of the moscato giallo grape to take centre stage. It balances alcohol of just 5.5%, acidity and sweetness perfectly in a style reminiscent of the great wines of Asti.

“Coconut, mango and vanilla makes an exotic, fragrant combination, and aromatic Moscato is an excellent, fresh accompaniment. Just released 2018 Montevecchio Heathcote Moscato froths gently in the glass, delivering muscat-grapey, lemony scents, and a sweetly fruity, perfumed mouthful with a poised tingle at the end.” for 2018 Moscato, 92 Points, Ralph-Kyte Powell, The Age

“It has delicacy, just enough fruit intensity, and an unbroken line of flavour from start to finish. It puts on a nice display of mouth-perfume too. Can’t knock it.” for 2018 Moscato, 90 Points, Campbell Mattinson, Halliday Wine Companion 2020