

Montevecchio

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The Grapes

The 2019 Montevecchio Rosso is a field blend made up of lagrein (40%), nero d'Avola (15%), pavana (14%) piedirosso (14%), sangiovese (12%) and Aglianico (5%). The majority of these grapevine cultivars were imported into Australia by the Chalmers family in the last twenty years. A co-habitation of grapes originating from all over Italy. Nero d'Avola from Sicily, sangiovese from Tuscany, lagrein from Sud-Tirol, pavana from the veneto, piedirosso and aglianico from Campania.

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 Rosso is a co-fermented field blend of red Italian varieties, usually fermented in two batches, a mix of the earlier ripening and then the later ripening varieties. The fruit is de-stemmed and fermented in open fermenters without yeast inoculation. The wine undergoes natural malolactic fermentation in stainless steel and is packaged after about 9-12 months. Montevecchio wines are all vegan friendly.

The Wine

Aromas of fragrant, cherry and forest fruits are balanced perfectly with a generous mid-palate and refreshing acidity. This vibrant, medium-bodied wine has plenty of luscious fruit, earthy tannins and appealing freshness, a great all-rounder.

“44% nero d'Avola, 24% sangiovese, 17% lagrein, 9% schioppettino and 6% lambrusco maestri. You never know what grape varieties are going to turn up in this highly drinkable red blend. It's hand picked and co-fermented (wild). It feels soft in the mouth, is flushed with assorted berry flavours, and is rinsed with mouth-watering acidity.” for 2018 Rosso, Campbell Mattinson, Halliday Wine Companion 2020