

Tscharke

Eva Frizzante

Gewürztraminer 2020



VINTAGE REPORT

The wines of 2020 vintage are proving to be of exceptional quality, despite the challenging growing season and very low yields.

Winter rainfall was below average but a warm start to spring gave rise to even budburst and minimal frost events. The growing season was hampered by unseasonably high winds that delivered the biggest blow to the season, at flowering. Dry conditions, extremely high temperatures coupled with the strong winds destroyed up to 70% of flowers in some vineyards; Shiraz the worst affected.

The ripening conditions were ideal, moderate temperatures and minimal rain provided very low risk to disease pressures. Supplementary irrigation was critical in nurturing the health of the vineyards and encouraging favourable fruit ripening. The general quality of wines from 2020 has proven great to exceptional; rich in flavour, strong colour and ripe tannins. Many of the wines formed balance early during fermentation and those well-structured will age well. Standouts varieties include Grenache, Grenache Blanc, Shiraz and Montepulciano.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine style is harvested very early to encourage great retention of natural acidity and moderate sugar levels. The fruit is pressed and the combined free run and pressings are lightly clarified in tank prior to inoculation for primary fermentation. The wine is fermented between 10 – 12°C prior to being arrested when the desired sugar, alcohol and acid balance is achieved. The stabilized wine is bottled with the addition of 3.5g/L of CO₂ to provide a fine effervescence.

TASTING NOTES

Pale yellow in colour with delicate, fine bubbles. The nose is like walking through a flower bed on a rainy day; freshly cut white flowers, rose petals, wet stone and chalk.

The palate is carried by a bright acidity and enough sweetness to enhance the juicy lychee and passionfruit tones.

Light in body, this wine drinks easily... too easily. A fine effervescence keeps it texturally intriguing and fun. Best served really cold.

Vintage	2020
Vineyard	Riverland
Variety	100% Gewürztraminer
Alcohol	5.0% ABV
pH	3.03
Titrateable Acidity	8.2 g/L
Residual Sugar	42 g/L