



PEPPER TREE

ALTERNATE SERIES

2021 Wrattenbully Viognier

While we'll always love making (& drinking!) the well known classics like Shiraz and Chardonnay, we're very proud to be championing the 'Alternate' varieties; lesser known international wines which are perfectly suited to our climate & packed full of flavour.

Viognier is an aromatic white grape which produces rich and vibrant wines with good ageing potential. Our 2021 Viognier from Wrattenbully is no exception. Honeysuckle perfume fills the nose with hints of white roses and freesia. The palate is rich and unctuous, filled with apricots, honey and gingerbread spice notes. A wine that can be enjoyed with any food but is most delicious with spicy Thai influenced dishes or fragrant tarragon led food. Drinking well now and will continue to age with complexity and grace for the next ten years.

Head Winemaker, Gwyn Olsen

VINTAGE

Wrattenbully experienced the coolest vintage for many years which led to slow balanced ripening. The quality of the resulting wines is considered by many locals to be the best for 40 years. The cool weather allowed for complete flavour ripening by time sugar ripeness was achieved. This produced great balance across all varieties and exceptional colour and flavour depth in all red varieties. Cabernet Sauvignon was outstanding and our best Merlot parcels have the best colour and flavour we have ever seen from our vineyard.

Our small parcels of alternate varieties are all showing great varietal definition.

The most outstanding vintage for many years.

APPELLATION / GI

Wrattenbully (South Australia) 100%,

WINEMAKING

Our bright, perfumed Viognier was picked cool to maintain the white floral notes and de-juiced immediately to minimise excessive phenolic drift. Fermented cool in old oak with an aromatic yeast strain the finished wine was then lees stirred to help build further richness and texture for six months before being prepared for bottling.

VINEYARD

Wrattenbully is located in the Limestone Coast wine zone. The prominent viticultural feature of the area is the series of ancient beach ridges and dunes which run roughly north-south through the area. These ridges are made up of soft crumbly limestone which weathers to produce the red and brown Terra Rossa clay loam soils so highly prized for grape growing. The ridges and dunes have elevations of up to 30m compared with the neighbouring regions to the south with a Terra Rossa 'high' of less than 5m. The extra elevation on the Wrattenbully dunes produce the advantage of cold air drainage which reduces the risk of frost during the growing season.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

BLEND:	Viognier
BOTTLING DATE:	01/2022
PH:	3.39
TA:	5.8 g/l
ALC/VOL:	13.5%
STANDARD DRINKS:	8.0



FRENCH VARIETAL

From Southern France's famous Rhone region, it can be co-fermented with Syrah/Shiraz.

BODY: Medium +
SWEETNESS: Medium
OAK: No (Lees Stirred)
SIMILAR PROFILES:
Chardonnay, Roussanne

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