

AMATO VINO

2021 Bianco

Marsanne / Verdelho

Marsanne ex Rocky Road vineyard in the south-eastern pocket of the region blended with Verdelho from Treeton in the central eastern section to bring you a creamy-yet-zesty sunshine wine of immense smashability.

Both varieties were separately picked, de-stemmed and pressed to tank to begin individual fermentation, naturally. The Verdelho was allowed to sit on skins for a few hours prior to pressing to aid phenolic enrichment. Both wines were settled, racked, and maintained separately until May blending. The wines were left on low sulphur to allow some oxidation to occur and develop the textural, skiny nature of the style.

A bright gold appearance, the wine leads you through an array of tropical notes: honeydew melon, lychee, citrus, cashew nut in Thai green curry, jasmine flower, some lemon sorbet and a touch of Shortbread Cream (or could it be Monte Carlo?). Juicy and moreish, a touch of lemon leaf and earthy spice (lemongrass, cut green chili).

Creamy is the hallmark of the palate, yet bright and bouncy where it needs to be, up front. Bassy Marsanne – minerally and beeswaxy, with the treble of Verdelho – melons, spice and florals.

Getting into it... white peach and citrus, lime and grapefruit, with phenolics backing up the rear giving the wine a nice long textural ride to your destination.

Enjoy with or without food. Perfect with Thai beef salad.
Organically produced. Vegan Friendly

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Harvest:	Verdelho – March 5th, 2021 Marsanne – Feb 24th, 2021
Handling:	Verdelho – machine picked, destemmed, pressed to tank after 5 hours on skins Marsanne – machine picked, destemmed, pressed immediately to tank
Fermentation:	Verdelho – wild ferment for 16 days in tank Marsanne – wild ferment for 27 days
Pressing:	Both tank pressed
Maturation:	Both components settled and maintained in tank for 4 months
Filtration/Fining:	None
Bottled:	August 2021
Alcohol:	13.7%
Ingredients:	Marsanne and Verdelho grapes, Sulphur Dioxide
Wine Status:	Vegan / Organic (uncertified)
Production:	221 dozen
Vineyard:	Verdelho – Woodlands Vineyard, Treeton, in the mid-eastern region Marsanne – Rocky Road in the south-east corner of Wallcliffe subregion (Cert. Biodynamic)
Soil:	Verdelho – sandy topsoil, lateritic gravel, clay subsoil Marsanne – Ironstone gravel over clay
Elevation:	Both approx. 75-100m
Planted:	Verdelho – 1990 Marsanne – 1991

