



Ricca Terra

2019

'BRONCO BUSTER'

White Wine | Riverland - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 77% Fiano - 10% Greco - 8% Arinto - 5% Vermentino

Vineyard: Ricca Terra Estate

Vine Age: Average: 14-years-old

Soil Type: Shallow, sandy, red loam over calcrete

Viticulture: Practicing Organic

Fermentation: Native - Stainless Steel

Skin Contact: None

Aging: 5 months in Stainless Steel

Alcohol: 12.2%

Residual Sugar: 1.63 g/L

pH: 3.2

Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L

Total SO2: 74 ppm

Total Production: 625 cases

UPC: 9369998110247

Reviews

Holiday Wine Companion | 92 points

About

In Ashley's life prior to tending to a vineyard and winery, he was breaking-in horses and riding in competitions including representing Australia at an international level. There are close parallels between breaking in a horse and growing & making alternative grape varieties. Vision, knowledge, trust and patience are required if success is expected, whether that be wine or horse. 'Bronco Buster' reflects the effort in the vineyard and trust in what Ashley is doing to continue the path of sustainability. The wine may not appear to be 'Australian' from the outside, but it is 100% riding on the new frontier. Arinto is the newest grape to the Ricca Terra farm and was planted in 2015, while the other three varieties have been there since the beginning.

The fruit was hand-harvested the first week of March and left to cold soak at the winery overnight. Fermentation occurred in stainless steel tanks without any additions and carried out over three weeks' time. The varieties were all co-fermented to highlight each individual characteristic, but Ashley felt 'harmony' was the best method for this rather than singing solos. Post fermentation the wine was racked off of the gross lees but kept with the fine lees in tank. The wine aged for five months prior to being bottled without fining or filtration and just with a small addition of sulfur and cold-stabilization.

Tasting Note

A hint of reduction, highlighting umami seaweed characters, but it opens with time in the glass to reveal grapefruit, stone fruit and honeyed floral tones. The palate is beautifully balanced and textured, with citrus pith raking across a powdery mouthfeel toward a long, tangy finish.