



Konpira Maru

2021

'PAN OPTICON'

White Blend | King Valley - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 70% Riesling - 25% Pinot Gris
- 5% Gewürztraminer

Vineyard: Merkel Vineyard

Vine Age: 12-30-years-old

Soil Type: Grey clay loam

Viticulture: Practicing organic

Fermentation: Native – stainless-steel

Skin Contact: None

Aging: 2 months in stainless-steel

Alcohol: 11.2%

pH: 3.24

Total Acidity: 7.9 g/L

Total SO2: 74 ppm

Total Production: 385 cases

About

This Alsatian-inspired true field blend is from the Merkel Vineyard in King Valley at more than 1,800 feet in elevation. Hand-harvested Riesling, Pinot Gris, and Gewürztraminer form the holy trinity of a lip smacking, acid crushing white wine. This vineyard is magnificent and features panoramic views of the valleys surrounding it, it is quite the breathtaking vantage point, and a lovely spot to grow grapes. Panopticon, the all seeing eye, seemed appropriate, not only topographically but philosophically, for this is a wild area of true pioneers with more than their fair share of a rebellious streak. This was a term we Al & Sam first encountered at Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin, a site of the incarceration of many an Irish patriot seeking independence, and the scene of the strike of 1923 that would influence so many to come. People making a stand for the future! So raise a glass of Panopticon and ponder the people doing their bit to protect some small sense of liberty and all those desperate to stop them.

A true field blend, this Riesling dominated blend was picked in the cool of night at the end of February at a mouth puckering 3.2pH and 10.3 baume, creating a laser focused wine. Crushed and pressed as one, the wine was treated relatively simple and was begging for a quick ferment and early release from the start. The grapes were hand-picked and pressed at 65% with no skin maceration apart from the transport from vineyard to winery. Once pressed it was cold settled, racked and then left to warm and undergo a natural ferment.

Tasting Note

Alsatian-inspired...Aussie-made. All the expected citrus notes with a tropical edge, along with fresh green pear. Great mid-weight Gris like texture and super satisfyingly persistent acid line. Literally impossible to drink a bottle in more than 20 minutes(by yourself) excepting some sort of epic tantric mind control.