



Konpira Maru

2021

'LA DOUCHE TROPICALE'

Verdelho | Queensland - Australia



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Verdelho
Vineyard: Monticello Estate
Vine Age: 15-years-old
Soil Type: Ruby Creek granite, sandy top soil over clay
Viticulture: Sustainable - dry farmed
Fermentation: Native - stainless steel (100% whole berry)
Skin Contact: 21 days
Aging: 4.5 months in stainless steel
Alcohol: 12.4%
pH: 3.69
Total Acidity: 7.8 g/L
Total SO₂: 72 ppm
Total Production: 238 cases

About

Sam and Alastair were drinking this wine in the shower of a caravan park they use to stay in while making wine in the South Burnett. This boozy shower was followed by a boozy mid vintage BBQ and they got chatting about potential names for some of the new cuvées. They liked the idea and challenge of trying to make Murgon (home of the winery they were using and closest town to the vineyard) sound fancy. Tough ask, especially with a monotone QLD drawl of an accent like Sam. They pulled out one of the oldest tricks in the book and used French. Translating to "tropical shower of Murgon", which represents the shower in which the thought process began, the tropical nature of Verdelho and props to the great town of Murgon, all while sounding kinda fancy. Since this time, they have moved to sourcing the fruit from the Granite Belt so the name lost the Murgon but has remained as the The Tropical Shower!

The grapes were run through the destemmer with little to no crushing and then left to chill in the cold room in small format stainless tanks. Pump overs took place for a week while it chilled and then it was brought out into the fresh air for natural ferment. The wine was left on the skins for a further two weeks with twice daily plunging. They pressed hard and slow after this 3 week period on skins just as the ferment had finished to ensure some natural CO₂ protection at the press. The wine was settled and then racked off the gross lees to stainless-steel tanks to undergo MLF to soften the acidity and provide some more texture. It was racked three times given the intense haze which just wouldn't drop out. Then it was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, with just a touch of sulfur, roughly 5 months after the pick date.

Tasting Notes

This is like a grown up version of the ice cream Pine-lime Split. Pineapple and lime aromas mix with a creamy mouthfeel and chalky tannins. There's acid for days... crunchy, tangy and delicious.