



SOMOS

South Australia

Background

Somos, meaning “we are” in Spanish, is the passion project of Mauricio Ruiz Cantú, the only Mexican winemaker producing South Australian wines in the Vine Street portfolio. Mauricio's journey began at 19 in Mexico, where he was advised to study winemaking in Australia to adapt practices to Mexico's hot, dry climate. After graduating from Adelaide University, he returned to Mexico with a small batch of Shiraz called Juguette, which unexpectedly and quickly grew from 150 cases per year into a 15,000-case brand. In 2015, craving a creative outlet, Mauricio launched Somos, a project whose wines are radically different than Juguette (think light, fresh, & food friendly vs. big, bold, old-school Aussie style). Inspired by South Australian winemakers who embrace alternative grape varieties and minimal intervention, Somos combines the lively essence of Baja with South Australian terroir. Rapidly gaining recognition, Somos was a finalist for Young Gun of Wine awards in 2020, 2021, and 2023. It's safe to say that Mauricio is just getting started.



Highlights

- 1** Somos is a wine project by Mauricio Ruiz that blends South Australian essence with Latin American flair.
- 2** The white, orange, and red wines ('Blanquito', 'Tintito,' and 'Naranjito') show how Italian and other Mediterranean varieties excel in South Australia.
- 3** Somos wines are a great value for responsible winemaking and climate-appropriate varieties (Vermentino, Verdelho, Dolcetto, etc.).

Wines



The '-ito' Range SRP \$25

This range includes a red and white blend ('Tintito' & 'Blanquito') plus a varietal orange ('Naranjito'). Great value for distinctive wines!



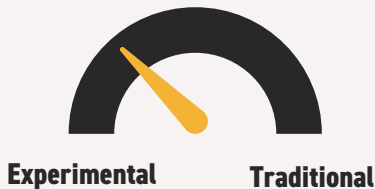
Mencia SRP \$34

This is a fresh, bouncy, and über drinkable style of Mencia from a cool pocket of the Adelaide Hills. It ferments mostly whole cluster and ages in used oak.

Ethos



Packaging



Press

“ Think cool-climate syrah with greater levity, florals and whole-bunch spiky astringency.

92 points
JAMES SUCKLING
Mencia 2021