



Ochota Barrels

2024

'BOTANICALS OF THE BASKET RANGE'

Aromatized Wine | Adelaide Hills - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 33% Gewurztraminer - 23% Pinot Meunier - 22% Pinot Noir - 22% Gamay
Vineyard: Uva (Pinot Meunier) - Scanlon (Pinot Noir) - Eureka (Gamay & Gewurztraminer)
Vine Age: 20-years-old
Soil Type: Primarily red clay and clay loams over granite, limestone, and quartz
Viticulture: Practicing organic
Fermentation: Native – open-top variable capacity tank
Skin Contact: 1 day on skins before 2 weeks of botanical maceration
Aging: 4 months in used French barriques
Alcohol: 12.7%
pH: 3.42
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L
Total SO2: 60 ppm
Total Production: 72 cases

Reviews

James Suckling | 93 points

About

Vermouth-inspired, Basket Range-bred, Ochota family created...Botanicals is a wine that truly has no boundaries or class and genteel words lack meaning when attempting to summarize this elixir, so let the family dictate more eloquently this vinous concoction. In 2024, this wine is a blend of Gewurztraminer, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier, and Gamay (a deviation from an entirely Pinot Noir based 2023). It was always a labor of love for Amber and Taras and continuing this wine was always in the plan. Amber's words sum up this wine perfectly, "so.... this vintage, we once again crushed some delicious grapes from our mate's vineyards up the road in peramangk country ... the children and I then took our little baskets and wandered around our garden, picking organic herbs, flowers, fruits and leaves... we submerged these into a continuous ferment throughout vintage.... this wine is a true taste of vintage 2024 and summer here in basket range.... some of the organic botanicals infused this year were.... lavender.... rose petals.... wormwood.... bay leaves.... meyer lemon zest.... thyme.... grapefruit zest.... spearmint.... lemon balm.... Rosemary.... sage.... lemon verbena...."

The fruit was hand-picked, and each lot saw about a day of skin contact before being pressed off saignée style to the stainless steel variable-capacity tank. As varieties came in at different times, a continuous fermentation was carried out over the course of a few weeks, with two weeks of botanical infusion. Gravity was used to rack the wine off the botanicals and into two seasoned French barriques, where it remained for about five months. It was then bottled directly from barrel without anything removed nor added other than a small sulfur addition. No fining or filtering.

Tasting Note

A bright, fresh, herbal tea of a wine. There is a defined floral theme this year. Aromas of lavender, rose, lemon balm, thyme, bay leaves, and rosemary move with ease from the nose to the palate. So gentle, but the acidity is playful.

