



## Ochota Barrels

2020

# 'BOTANICALS OF THE BASKET RANGE'

*Aromatized Wine | Adelaide Hills - Australia*



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

## Stats

**Grapes:** A melange of the vintage

**Vineyard:** All of the vintage's vineyards

**Vine Age:** Varied

**Soil Type:** Varied

**Viticulture:** Practicing Organic

**Fermentation:** Native – 100% pressed juice from all of the ferments (primarily whole-cluster)

**Skin Contact:** 50 days

**Aging:** 5 months in two seasoned French barriques and one 100L barrel

**pH:** 3.32

**Total Acidity:** 6.2 g/L

**Total SO<sub>2</sub>:** 60 ppm

**Total Production:** 55 cases

## Reviews

James Suckling | 92 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.

"so....throughout this entire vintage a continuous ferment was kept alive in egg69 by bleeding off privileged portions from the more feminine ferments destined to be shaped into our other wines....amber then took her little cane basket and carefully cut her favourite botanicals she has growing in the gardens below our vineyard .... a bouquet garni was created and then gently submerged into this elixir.... some of the botanicals infused were....

sage....chamomile....lavender....lemon verbena....thyme....wormwood....marigold + rose petal...."

– Taras Ochota

The fruit was hand-picked throughout February and March and whatever pressed wine was leftover from all of the wines is gathered and used for this wine. Amber snipped a number of large handfuls of botanicals grown around the homestead and submerged this bouquet garni into the fermentations.

## Tasting Note

This is the brightest, freshest, liveliest release of this sort-of-wine yet. Gather a crew, chill it to the bone, consume at pace. Very herby, pure-feeling, faintly sweet but then very dry to finish. Lots of fennel, sage, mint in this. So fine and frisky. Super stuff here.