

Adelaide Hills - Australia



Background

While Stephen Pannell's S.C. Pannell & Koomilya lines explore Mediterannean varieties in McLaren Vale, Prōterō focuses on northern Italian styles of wine from the Adelaide Hills. Having made Prōterō wines for Gumeracha vineyard owners Rose and Frank Baldasso for many years, Steve was poised to buy the site as soon as it came for sale in 2019; the name Prōterō was retained out of respect for the great stewards of the land that Rose and Frank were. Stephen and his wife Fiona were attracted by the five clones of Nebbiolo planted in 1999, a grape he has been obsessed with for the past two decades. They replanted the vineyard with Gewurztraminer, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Riesling, Barbera, Dolcetto, and more Nebbiolo, favoring varieties they love and that suit the region. Stephen is on a mission with Prōterō to showcase distinctly Australian renditions of some of his favorite wines, but, as he says, "Ultimately, it will be Prōterō that decides which varieties it most faithfully expresses."

Highlights

- Prōterō is a brand by Stephen Pannell that focuses on northern Italian styles of wine from the Adelaide Hills.
- The lineup includes two Nebbiolos and one white blend of Gewürztraminer, Riesling, and Sauvignon Blanc.
- The Protero wines differ from SC Pannell and Koomilya by being lighter-bodied, more ethereal, and ultra food-friendly.

Wines



'Aromatico' White Blend SRP \$30

This Gewürztraminer/Riesling/Sauvignon Blanc blend was inspired by the wines of Northern Italy and was made to pair with spicy Asian foods.

Nebbiolo SRP \$45

This used to be housed under the SC Pannell line. It is the more immediately approachable of the two Nebbiolo offerings.

'CAPO' Nebbiolo SRP \$75

'CAPO' is Stephen's top-tier, tannic Nebbiolo from the Prōterō Vineyard. Give it time.



Ethos





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Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press



This is excellent, one of Australia's best Nebbiolos.

95 points

ROBERT PARKER'S WINE ADVOCATE 'CAPO' Nebbiolo 2019