

CASA
FRESCHI

Wine with soul

2021 CASA FRESCHI RAGAZZI ROSATO

VARIETY: Nebbiolo
REGION: Langhorne Creek, South Australia
ALCOHOL: 13.0%v/v
AVE VINE AGE: 22 years
AVE YIELD: 0.5 kg/vine (11hl/Ha)

VINEYARD:

100% single vineyard located 4km north of Lake Alexandrina. In 1999, 2.0 hectares were planted at 4000 vines/Ha to two high quality clones of nebbiolo on various rootstocks. The lowest performing plantings were replaced in 2005 by 8 Matura nebbiolo clones. The site possesses low vigour, deep calcareous soils with a mix of clay, sand, marl and limestone gravel. The low annual rainfall of 250mm is supplemented by the judicious use of fresh water irrigation from Lake Alexandrina. The close proximity to the lake and sea provides strong cooling winds, often arriving just after midday during the summer months. Autumns are usually sunny, cool, dry and calm, resulting in long ripening periods. The mean average growing season temp of 17.2C is comparable to Margaret River and Napa Valley. Grown without the use of synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides and pesticides. Hand pruned and hand harvested.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit is hand harvested on the cusp of ripeness with an optimum balance of acidity, sugar and aromatics. The whole bunches are then pressed directly to old French barriques, wild yeast fermented, 90% allowed to go through mlf. The wine was then sulphured and left on its lees until the end of maturation when it is raked by gravity. No additives are used in its production except minimal sulphur dioxide.

REFINEMENT:

9 months in seasoned French oak barriques
Unfined and unfiltered.

WINEMAKERS COMMENTS:

Only my second bottling of Rosato from selected clones of Nebbiolo in an exceptional year, showing beautiful aromatics and accessible tannins. This is a subtly perfumed, dry, textural Rosato with saline minerality and a long savoury finish.

