

CASA
FRESCHI

Wine with soul

2024 CASA FRESCHI "LA SIGNORA"

VARIETIES: Cabernet Sauvignon (33%), Syrah (33%),
Nebbiolo (20%), Malbec (14%),
REGION: Langhorne Creek, South Australia
ALCOHOL: 13.5%v/v
AVE VINE AGE: 47 years
AVE YIELD: 450g/vine (10 hl/Ha)

VINEYARD:

Grown on the Casa Freschi Profondo vineyard located 4km north of Lake Alexandrina in the Langhorne Creek wine region. The site possesses low vigour, deep calcareous soils with a mix of clay, sand, marl and limestone gravel.

The Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Malbec was planted in 1972 using mass selection cuttings from the original Potts vineyards first established in 1850. The Nebbiolo planted in 1999.

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 Southern Ocean 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. Grown in harmony with nature without the use of synthetic fertilizers, fungicides, herbicides and pesticides. Hand pruned and select hand harvested.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was collected in 8kg crates, 96% destemmed, 4% whole bunch fermented spontaneously in small, open top fermenters, and hand-plunged for 21 days. It is then pressed directly into old French barriques and matured on its lees for 14 months. It was then racked by gravity and hand-bottled. No additives are used in its production except minimal sulphur dioxide.

REFINEMENT:

14 months in seasoned French oak barriques.
Unfined and unfiltered.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS:

The 2024 season began with above-average winter rainfall, a dry spring with some frost, and a wet early summer that reduced yields by 15-25% due to poor set. Despite these hurdles, a mild summer allowed for excellent ripening, resulting in high-quality, aromatic red wines.

Complex, elegant, medium bodied with delicious old-vine lingering flavour, and full, chalky tannins, it is a La Signora with a long future ahead of it.

