



2018 R/SM



Variety: Riesling 65% / Semillon 35%

Region: McLaren Vale

Vineyard(s): Saddlebags Hill Vineyard, Blewitt Springs

Soil(s): North Maslin Sands over ironstone

Grower: Adrian Scott

Viticulture: Sustainable / Organic practices / Dry grown

Fermentation: Open / Wild / White Burgundy barrels

Elevage: 11 months in 100% 5 year white Burgundy barrels

Filtration: Course

“Dark ruby in colour, with hints of lavender, nori, vermouth and stem ginger. Orange peel also present, reminiscent of an Old Fashioned cocktail, angostura bitters and all. A pomegranate, bright dark raspberry and morello cherry mid-palate balanced by a refreshing sweet and sour red cherry acidity. The wine finishes with fine grained, chain link tannins as well as some savouriness. Decanting is always recommended for amphora wines.” - Brad Hickey

THE WINE

A ‘field blend’ is an ensemble of different grapes from one vineyard block that are picked on the same day and fermented together, making a unique wine of place or a ‘vin de terroir’. Our version is from an elevated site along the Kangarilla foothills of McLaren Vale where one acre of Riesling (65%) and Semillon (35%), unusual bedmates, grow cheek by jowl. Picked on the same day, basket-pressed together then co-fermented wild in trusty barriques, this bright white wine has all the limey pucker and saline lift of a fresh margarita. Great summer drinking and a riot with oysters. We are proud that this wine tastes like the place from where it comes, 20 km from the Gulf of St. Vincent, a true coastal white.

THE WINEMAKER

Brad Hickey (Brash Higgins) is a native of Chicago and a transplant of New York City, where he was an old-school Somm on the floor(s) of some of NYC’s most iconic restaurants. After a couple trips to Australia, he picked up and moved down under to live and make wine with his partner, Nicole Thorpe. Together they own Omensetter Vineyard (Certified Organic) where they grow fruit for the Brash Higgins label. Brad also purchases some fruit from local, well-respected Growers who adhere to conscious farming. Brad’s style is playful yet precise. All of his wines are made with a light hand, and they exude a perfumed and lifted aroma profile.

