



2023 'Weeping Juan' Pink Pet Nat



Variety:	75% Vermentino, 25% Nero d'Avola
Region:	Riverland
Vineyard(s):	Bassham Family Organic Vineyard
Soil(s):	Red sandy loam over limestone
Vine Age:	Own roots, 8 years
Viticulture:	Certified Organic
Fermentation:	Stainless / Open / Wild
Alcohol:	11.5%
Residual Sugar:	0g/L

Sometimes you've got to heed the call of the wild child within.

Sometimes you've got to go home with a bunch of grapes who're ugly as sin.

THE WINE

Vintage 2023 was the coldest, wettest and trickiest years we've faced. Luckily a healthy vineyard and some warm sunshine in early autumn helped the fruit develop nicely, producing a suite of pretty, more subtle wines this year.

Each variety was picked, pressed off straight away and fermented separately, blended when both parcels reached approximately 15g/L residual sugar and bottled, allowing natural ferment to kick off again in bottle and produce the pétillant naturel style. Light and hazy pink in the glass, lush, sweet aromatic spices jump out up front—vanilla, cinnamon, coconut—mum's fruit toast is where I always go with this wine and it's here again. On the palate is under-ripe strawberry, with a fuji apple, watermelon rind cleanliness and crunch. Juan is lively this year—serve ice cold and have your glass ready—but to my mind this is the best interpretation of this wine we've made, an absolute stunner that disappears all too quickly.

THE WINEMAKER

Con Greg Grigoriou and his team make small batch, minimal intervention wines using Southern Italian varietals grown in his native Riverland. He is a family man and a new Father who was born and raised in the region surrounded by the mighty Murray River. His aim is to make the best wine in the place he grew up—a place often associated with inferior bulk wine. All grapes are sourced from two small family farms who own Certified Organic vineyards. The wines are made with the slightest of hands using native yeast for fermentation and just a touch of sulfur at bottling. The resulting wines are environmentally sustainable, vibrant, fresh, and fun.

