



2021 NDV 'Amphora Project'



Variety:	Nero d'Avola
Region:	McLaren Vale
Vineyard(s):	Omensetter Vineyard
Soil(s):	Red clay over limestone
Viticulture:	Organic Certified
Fermentation:	Wild in Open Amphora
Days on Skins:	180
Filtration:	Clay membrane
Elevage:	Six months in locally made amphora
Bottled:	October 11, 2021
Alcohol:	13.7%

Lighter ruby in colour, with hints of black cherry, Indian spices and stem ginger. Orange peel also present which is usual in this wine. Reminiscent of a Negroni cocktail. 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 always recommended for our amphora wines. -Brad Hickey

THE WINE

The first to graft Nero d'Avola in McLaren Vale to our organic estate Omensetter Vineyard in 2009, this eleventh vintage of the draught tolerant Sicilian varietal was picked in late February after a deliciously cool February eased the pace of the ripening Nero grapes. 2021 to the point was dry with low yields and terrific acidity. The transparency of the Nero d'Avola grape was preserved by using gentle, ancient techniques and naturally occurring wild yeasts. The grapes were destemmed then fermented wild and aged on skins and seeds for six months in locally made 200L bees-wax lined clay amphoras.

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.

