



2022 'Pretty Boy' Rosato



Variety:	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:	12%

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 2022 was another cooler year in the Riverland. Yields for the year are slightly below average. But what the year lacks in quantity, it makes up for in quality.

Wild fermented in stainless steel, Nero d'Avola is a native Sicilian variety that is perfect suited to the climate of the Riverland. The cooler vintage meant that acids remained high, even as sugar levels increased and flavours developed, meaning we have a little higher ABV than previous years, but also more depth of flavour. After crush, the fruit was left to soak on skins for 6 hours, giving the wine its lovely blush pink colour. The nose charges at you with strawberries and cream and rose petal. On the palate, a certain elegance—these fruit forward flavours persist, while the classic Nero d'Avola acidity comes in to keep things fresh and crunchy; evolving the flavours into a slightly underripe stonefruit spectrum—white peach or nectarine. The most in balance and engaging Rosato we've made for a few years, and everything we want to see from this wine.

THE WINEMAKER

Con Greg Grigoriou and his team make small batch, minimal intervention wines using Southern Italian varieties 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.



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