



Technical Notes – 2021 Nero d’Avola Rosato

Small batch. Single vineyard. Handmade.

Varietal Composition: 100% Nero d’Avola

Region: Riverland

Vineyard: Bassham Family Organic Vineyard, Barmera

Harvest: February 2021

Bottling Date: May 2021

Release Date: August 2021

Barrel or Stainless: Stainless

Vine Age: Own roots, 8 years

Soil: Red Sandy loam over limestone

Alcohol: 12%

Residual Sugar: 1.8

Winemakers Comments: 2021 was the kindest vintage we have experienced in 9 years of Delinquente – a La Nina cycle bringing good spring rainfall, mild summer temperatures and cool, crisp nights. The Bassham Family Organic and Biodynamic vineyard, bursting with natural vitality and life, took full advantage of Mother Nature’s gift and produced beautiful quality fruit – sweet, layered, and with piercing acidity – and plenty of it too!

Wild fermented in stainless steel, Nero d’Avola is a native Sicilian variety that is perfect suited to the hot, dry climate of the Riverland. The cooler vintage conditions 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, whilst not compromising freshness and drinkability.

After crushing, the fruit was left to soak on skins for 6 hours, giving the wine it’s the lovely blush pink colour – maybe a little more intensely pink this year than previously. The 2021 Rosato brings back all the elements that make this wine such a favourite, but the cooler vintage has seen everything turned up to 11 - lush strawberries and cream on the nose; super refreshing raspberry and rose water on the front palate. But it’s the savoury notes that are really shining through on this wine and continue to impress – herbaceous, acid driven and moreish to keep it all working together. It’s everything we want to see in a rose, and about as smashable as it gets.