

*The name for our classic, multi-regional Italian style wines stems from the old Italian folk story which has great sentiment for the family. The Crittenden's passion for Italian varieties has also seen winemaking son Rollo work and travel extensively through the north of Italy, while Garry, father and company founder, has written a book on climatic comparisons between Italy and Australia.*

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## 2021 ROSATO

### NERO D'AVOLA

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#### VINTAGE

A cool summer with above average rainfall initially gave cause for concern with disease pressure being at its highest in many years. However, through rigorous canopy management and excellent vine health we managed to avoid any botrytis & mildew outbreaks. The moderate weather conditions also allowed for a prolonged ripening season with most reds developing amazing structure & depth of colour, while the whites retained vibrant acidity and an elegance that will provide age-ability for many years to come. With yields being adequate if not bountiful this is certainly a year to remember!

#### REGION

Murray Darling region, Victoria.

#### WINEMAKING

The hand harvested grapes were gently whole bunch pressed and the expressed juice was sent to a stainless steel vessel. After settling, the clear pink juice was separated from the solids where it was allowed to commence fermentation with natural ("wild") yeast. Fermentation took place in old oak barriques, where the wine remained for a further 7 months on gross lees to enhance its richness and complexity. Once the aging process was complete the resulting wine was again racked to stainless steel tanks where it was stabilised and filtered in preparation for bottling.

#### TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL	12.5 %	ACIDITY	6.30 g/L
PH	3.34	RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry
MALOLACTIC	0%		

#### NOSE

A lively core of berry fruit.

#### PALATE

Clean vibrant acidity and a nice dry finish.

#### DRINK WITH

Salad Nicoise, Mexican fish tacos, ceviche.

#### CELLARING

Drink now or over the next 2 years.

