



White Field Blend (Arinto & Alvarinho)

The 2019 Terra do Rio White Field Blend is the mix of Arinto and Alvarinho. Why this blend? Well there is no technical or traditional reasons, but their partnership in this wine suggests that they were meant to be together.

In Australia, Arinto is a relatively unknown with only a handful of plantings in the ground. This white Portuguese grape variety is hardy, capable of withstanding extreme warm weather. The erect growth habit of the vine's canopy protects the grapes from sunburn. The fruit retains both floral/citrus aromas and natural acids throughout the ripening period and through to the time of harvest.

Alvarinho is better known by the Galician pronunciation of Albariño, which is what this grape variety is called in Spain. In Portugal it is referred to as Alvarinho. The popularity of this grape variety was tarnished in Australia after the wrongful importation and planting of Savignan instead of Albariño. Fortunately, Terra do Rio used the real deal in the making of this wine!

Harvested on the same day (2nd February), both grape varieties were co-fermented via the use of natural yeast, which are found in the vineyard and winery. The wine was then stored in old oak barrels up until bottling (29th May).

Total Production – 200 cases

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