

2015 Roussanne 'The Good Earth' Box Grove Vineyard Goulburn Valley, Victoria



Being somewhat difficult to grow and manage in the vineyard, Roussanne requires an exceptional site and vigilant management techniques to perfect. Box Grove Vineyard is located in the Goulburn Valley winegrowing region. The Goulburn Valley region is conducive to growing Roussanne. The block was planted in 1996 into granitic sand with patches of grey cracking clay over ancient river gravel.

Once in the winery, one third of the parcel was destemmed and allowed to soak on skins for 3 days prior to pressing and fermentation. The other two thirds of the parcels was whole bunch pressed, with inclusion of stems from the skin soak parcel.

The wine was fermented in a mixture of stainless steel and oak barrel. A small amount of new oak was used, and the wine received partial malolactic fermentation to build some richness. The wine sat on gross lees for 6 months, and the wine was blended and bottled in September 2015. The wine is filtered, but unfinned.

The appearance is golden. The nose shows aromas of aniseed, freshly cut straw and caramelised honey. Subtle lime and stone fruit notes are also apparent.

True to Roussanne's reputation "the red wine drinkers white wine", the palate is firm and rich where phenolics and acid play a major role in the texture of this wine. There are fruit notes of lime pith, rock melon, green apple skin, and confectionary pear drop. Woven in the palate are buttery, shortbread notes with a honeyed and floral finish.

This is a wine that screams for food. Try this wine with fresh Asian dishes such as a spicy Thai pork salad with fresh herbs and roasted peanuts.





About Alkimi Wines

The brand name is taken from the phonetic spelling of Alchemy, as a play on words, aligning to a strong resonance to the meaning of creating the elixir of life - in this case the wine.

Alchemy -

1. a form of chemistry and speculative philosophy practiced in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance and concerned principally with discovering methods for transmuting base metals into gold and with finding a universal solvent and an elixir of life.
2. any magical power or process of transmuting a common substance, usually of little value, into a substance of great value

The symbolism of the Alkimi brand mark draws upon the basic representation of Alchemy through fire, water, air and earth, all the components which have a role in the cause and effect, and therefore the beauty and chaos, of nature.

And from nature is the consideration each winemaker must give to the season, the soil and the fruit.

The label artwork was created by artist, Christopher Shelton, as an original piece which will run across the Alkimi family of wines, which will include Roussanne, Grenache and a unique Rose as of vintage 2015.

About the Winemaker - Stuart Dudine

Stuart Dudine created Alkimi Wines out of a quest to sculpt wine by choosing parcels of grapes which reflect his winemaking philosophy. In his words; 'To find vineyard parcels that perform exceptionally well where their roots lay, year in and year out. No matter the season, wet or dry, cold or hot.'

His experience is varied; pieces of the puzzle coming together to inspire and direct.

From his time in Europe at Emmerich Knoll in Austria, Stephene Ogier and Chateau Montredon in France, he learned the ideals of making wine which focussed on how the characteristics of the vineyard could be garnered to enhance the innate qualities of the grapes in order to bring out the best in the wine.

His love and passion of the Rhone sprung from his time at Henschke, South Australia, where he experienced for the first time the Rhone varieties and qualities of Syrah, Grenache and

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Mourvèdre displayed by Australian grown grapes yet handled with the finesse of the old world winemaking of France.

Stuart's admiration of the Rhone style interpretation grew further during his experience of vintage at Yarra Yering, in the Yarra Valley, Australia, where he was further immersed into a traditions of European winemaking where the touch of a winemaker was light, enabling the wine to take its course from the very nature of which it was borne.

It is only natural that the drive of Alkimi is to produce wines which pay homage to the old philosophy of winemaking, where tradition melds with the annual delivery of a vintage held in the hands of nature, consequence and sometimes synchronicity.

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