



SMALL BATCH

**TECHNICAL**

Alcohol: 13.0%
Acidity: 5.5 g/L

WINEMAKER

Peter Warr & Kirby
Graudins

CELLARING

Now until 2025

Kx**2019 MONTEPULCIANO**

Iconic to the region of Abruzzo on the east coast of Italy, this slow ripening variety was grafted onto stock that was planted on the western facing slope of a steep vineyard. This site sees long sunlight hours, perfect for helping this variety to fully develop its flavour ripeness. Grafted onto Riesling rootstocks, the nutrients that are drawn for the vine show the bright acidity that the region is famed for. Crushed into small batch open tanks, the must was not chilled as to allow for the natural yeast to initiate fermentation. This slow starting yeast saw an extended fermentation time, which was amplified by a week of further maceration. Gently working the skins by hand plunging the ferment and then basket pressing, resulted in a rich layering of flavours that is held bright and fresh by the natural acidity. This combination of fine and firm structure reminiscent of the variety's Italian heritage while being balanced by the depth of layered flavours and expressions of a new world style.

PLACE

33°54'43.2"S 138°39'09.5"E

Single Vineyard - Trillian's Vineyard, Penwortham, South Australia

Our grapes are grown on Ngadjuri country.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Montepulciano has been gaining popularity in warmer Australian regions due to its natural acid retention and ability to tolerate drought conditions. In 2012, 1.5 acres of Riesling at the Trillian's Hill vineyard was grafted to the variety. Grown a western facing slope, these vines thrive in the extended sunlight exposure, allowing this slow ripening variety to develop its deep concentration of flavour.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation started spontaneously by natural yeast present in the vineyard, and lasted 11 days. The grape skins were left for an additional week in the wine to extract further colour and flavour before being basket pressed. The wine was then racked into seasoned French oak to mature for a further eighteen months adding structure and complexity.

COLOUR

Iridescent purple with a vibrant purple hue.

NOSE

Dense, dark forest berries, toasty oak and dried herbs.

PALATE

Medium bodied, bright red berry and cherry with bay leaf and clove combine to create a complex and elegant wine with a clean finish.