



Cloud Cuckoo Land

Greco Fiano Zibibbo 2021

Riverland

Cloud Cuckoo Land is an imaginary state of absurd over optimism – something that we at Wild & Wilder are often accused of. Indeed, not so long ago, if we'd said that we wanted to make high quality, low intervention wines made from Mediterranean varieties in the Riverland, Cloud Cuckoo land is exactly where people would have said that we lived! But, we believe that anything is possible if you don't see the obstacles, you challenge the "received wisdom" and resist the naysayers. Cloud Cuckoo Land is for everyone who feels the same.

Italian Varietals Blend: 45% Greco, 41% Fiano, 14% Zibibbo

Vintage Conditions

Rare is the vintage that combines good yields and high quality but 2021 was just that. A remarkable vintage in that it was once again pandemic affected but that it was measured and mild with none of the heat spikes or drought conditions of recent years. With good levels of winter rains filling soil profiles, the mild weather with intermittent rains throughout the growing and ripening season ensured that fruit ripened over a long period of time and the vintage was one of the longest in recent history. The results are spectacular, healthy fruit, moderate sugars and complex flavours, have resulted in wines of beautiful balance, fragrance and varietal definition

Viticulture

Trellised and spur pruned, minimal irrigation to reduce vigour and some shoot thinning to control yield.

Winemaking

Hand-picked before gentle de-stemming and crushing. Greco & Zibibbo were held on skins for 24 hours. Cool fermented separately followed by maturation on lees.

Tasting

A vibrant, textural white with hints of almond blossom, quince and ripe pear. Tangy, almost exotic but pithy and delicious.

Alcohol: 12.5%

Total Acidity: 6 g/l

pH: 3.40

Residual Sugar: <2 g/l

SO₂: 94 mg/l

Fining: Bentonite

Vegan: Yes

Vegetarian: Yes

