



## Cloud Cuckoo Land

### Nero d'Avola Montepulciano 2020

#### 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.

#### Vintage Conditions

2020 vintage conditions in were perfect in many ways. A warm , dry early season gave way to a mild, sometimes cool, February and March which allowed for ripening at a very relaxed pace. Small yields across all regions concentrated the fruit flavours while the dry conditions led to low disease pressures.

#### Viticulture

As we like to pick 'on the way up' our season began quickly with several varieties ripening at once but then progressed nicely, with the ability to pick when it suited given the settled weather.

#### Winemaking

We co-fermented using wild yeasts with gentle hand plunging twice daily before pressing and ageing in older oak for 3 months prior to bottling

#### Tasting

An unusual blend of varieties but this wine has the characteristic energy you'd expect from Italian reds. Deliciously succulent with smoky, dark cherry fruit, subtle spice and a mouth-watering finish.

**Blend:** 61% Nero D'Avola, 32% Montepulciano, 4% Grenache, 3% Shiraz

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Total Acidity:** 5.39 g/l

**pH:** 3.65

**Residual Sugar:** <2 g/l

**SO2:** 70 mg/l

**Fining:** None

**Vegan:** Yes

**Vegetarian:** Yes

