

THISTLEDOWN



Cloud Cuckoo Land Greco Fiano

Zibibbo 2022

The 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.

Tasting

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

Viticulture

Fiano is trellised, while the Zibibbo is old, bush trained vines which have been put on a trellis latterly.

Winemaking

Hand-picked before gentle destemming and crushing. Fiano is settled and cool fermented while the Zibibbo sits on skins for 24 hours prior to fermentation. Blending of the two varieties post primary fermented and ageing on lees in tank.



Wine Analysis

Varietal: 80% Fiano, 20% Zibibbo

Alcohol: 13%

Total Acidity: 5.47 g/l

pH: 3.3

Residual Sugar: <2g/l

SO2: 99 mg/l



Vintage Conditions

2022 vintage followed in much the same vein as the much lauded 2021, though for the Riverland, yields were down because of a massive hail event in November 2021. Once past that hurdle, the season was characterised by regular moderate rainfall, friendly temperatures and an elongated ripening period which allowed for an even spread of fruit over the harvesting period. The wines are characterised by balanced, aromatic fruit profiles, crisp acids and a capacity for both youthful exuberance and ageing.

