



HANDPICKED™
WINES

2017
VINTAGE

Nero d'Avola
VARIETAL

Murray Darling
REGION



TRIAL BATCH

SIDE PROJECT

Small batch winemaking that gives us the freedom to experiment with alternative varieties and winemaking techniques. Who knows what the next Trial Batch will be?

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Nero d'Avola is a black grape variety native to the island of Sicily off the toe of the Italian peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea. Its name, translating as "black of Avola", is derived from the town of Avola in the south of the island.

REGION: Murray Darling

Murray Darling is a large wine region straddling the Murray River in north-western Victoria and south-western New South Wales. Summers are hot and dry with high sunshine hours. There is a strong continental influence, with cool nights enabling production of quality fruit. Soils are calcareous sandy loams. This wine was grown by the Chalmers family at its vineyard in Merbein near Mildura. The family is a pioneer of Italian varieties that suit the warm, sunny climate of northern Victoria.

VINTAGE: Vintage 2017 was generally cool and harvests were around two weeks later than average in most areas, allowing a good ripening period to produce fruit of high quality and well-balanced flavour and acid.

WINEMAKING: The fruit was harvested by hand in warm, dry conditions in late February. It was chilled overnight before destemming and sorting by hand. The must was fermented in temperature-controlled open

stainless steel fermenters with hand plunging. The wine was matured for six months in older French oak barriques.

TASTING NOTES: Bright, clear, medium purple in colour. The nose has aromas of bright red berry fruits and red cherry and the palate is quite light with juicy red fruits, a touch of spicy pepper, fresh acid and light tannin. This wine could be served lightly chilled to revive the spirit on a warm summer's day.

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BATCH

Juicy, Bright, Zippy, Picnics, Sunshine
NOTES