

RUTHERGLEN ESTATE

Modern classic winery, with respect for tradition. Situated in the north-east corner of Victoria, it is one of the most progressive and diverse viticultural regions in Australia.

DE BORTOLI RUTHERGLEN ESTATE SHELLEY'S BLOCK 2023

Variety
Marsanne Viognier Roussanne

Suggested Cuisine
Roast chicken.

Vineyard
Our Marsanne Viognier and Roussanne are grown on the De Bortoli Shelley's Vineyard on the eastern edge of the Rutherglen region. The site has an interesting gravel, clay and alluvial soil mix.

General Characteristics
Dry / Medium bodied

Additional Information
Vegan, Vegetarian

Season
2023 was a slightly cooler than average year without any extreme heat. Because of a very wet and stressful Spring it was a difficult growing season. Fortunately post December the Summer became more normal. February and March dried out with ideal mild days which resulted in a fantastic year in the North East of Victoria for our white wines and roses. The season was three weeks later than average and we feel fortunate to have ended up with the wines we have in the cellar.

Winemaking
The wine was fermented using a mix of tank fermentation and French oak barrels. 50% of this wine was fermented in stainless steel with the other half fermented in french oak barrels using indigenous yeast. Of the total blend 7% was in new oak, with 11% one year, and 34% in 2 years or older oak. Following fermentation, the wine was then aged on lees in both oak and tank for 8 months. Stirring and malolactic fermentation was avoided to retain the natural acidity and drive of the wine and so not to interfere with the wine's bright zesty fruit profile. The oak component was added to add subtle complexity, texture and weight to the wine.

Tasting Note
Pale Straw with green hues. It is complex, has notes of citrus, spice, apricot, ginger with subtle oak and dry herb aromas. The palate has beautiful length and structure, it has soft texture, with nutty, citrus and delicate spice notes.

Wine Analysis
Alc/Vol: 12.8 %, pH: 5.94, TA: 3.37 g/L

Cellaring
Superb for drinking now, but can cellar nicely for up to 10 years.

Wine Style
Dry White.

Winemaker
Marc Scalzo

