# Moscato 2017 Yarra Valley, Victoria, Australia



Grape Varieties	71% Muscat d`Alexandria
	26% Black Muscat
	3% Other red varieties
Winemaker	Geoff Alexander
Closure	Crown
ABV	5.5%
Residual Sugar	100g/L
Acidity	7.5g/L
Wine pH	2.95
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl, 75cl
Notes	Vegetarian

# PRODUCER

Innocent Bystander's reputation has been built upon the style of their regional and varietal wines, which reflect the soil, climate and topography of the cool Yarra Valley. Owned by one of Australia's leading family-owned wine companies, Brown Brothers, the Yarra Valley fruit is harvested and immediately transported to their winery in Milawa, Northern Victoria. Here the winemaking team process the grapes in their 'Kindergarten Winery', specially designed for small batches and different winemaking techniques for minimal intervention.

### **VINEYARDS**

The fruit for this wine was sourced from a number of vineyard sites across the Swan Hill region of North West Victoria. Soils are predominantly calcareous sandy loam.

### VINTAGE

The 2017 season in the Swan Hill area of Victoria's north was particularly long, resulting in a great growing season for the Muscat grapes and excellent flavour development.

### VINIFICATION

Harvested in the cool of the night, fruit was chilled and crushed with six hours skin contact to extract a hint of pink from the Black Muscat. Juice underwent a 100% stainless steel fermentation with aromatic yeast at 12°C. Fermentation was stopped at 5.5% alcohol by chilling the wine, then cold filtered at 0°C to trap in the natural bubbles and cold bottled under pressure to retain freshness and effervescence.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Vivid pink in colour, this highly aromatic wine has notes of blackcurrants, musk, Turkish delight, mandarin peel and a touch of candy floss. The palate is rich and fruity with balanced residual sugar and a cleansing natural acidity. The spritzy finish leaving the palate refreshed.

