

Protero,

## Adelaide Hills `Aromatico` 2022

Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia



Grape Varieties    **71% Gewürztraminer**  
                          **27% Riesling**  
                          **2% Sauvignon Blanc**

Winemaker	<b>Stephen Pannell</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>13%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>5.9g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.5g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.28</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

### PRODUCER

Stephen and Fiona Pannell have been working with the Protero vineyard, previously owned by Rose and Frank Baldasso, since 2005, when Stephen returned from working a vintage with Aldo Vajra in Barolo. Planted with five clones of Nebbiolo and regularly enjoying cool autumns, Stephen quickly recognised the vineyard's superb potential: "there aren't many places outside Piemonte where Nebbiolo has translocated well, but this vineyard is one of those places". While Nebbiolo remains at the heart of the vineyard, Stephen has also planted Gewürztraminer, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Barbera and Dolcetto, all varieties he believes are well suited to this cool climate site. His mission to create distinctly Australian expressions of these classic European varieties drives the Protero project.

### VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine hails from two different vineyards, the first being the Protero vineyard itself which sits 500m above sea level on a gentle north-east facing slope, where the Gewürztraminer was grafted onto the pre-existing Merlot plantings. The Riesling is sourced from the neighbouring vineyard owned by Ashley Barret, and was planted by the Protero vineyard manager, Carmine Pepecelli, in 2000. The vines face south-west and sit in grey loams over clay - flecked with granite.

### VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage was the second year in a LaNina cycle and saw a wild, wet winter and spring which was followed by a mild summer and dry autumn. Verasion was two weeks behind schedule which set winemakers teeth on edge, and poor flowering due to high winds and frost lead to lower than desired yields. The quality, however, was good due to the long, slow ripening period. Wines retained great acidity making this a vintage to watch.

### VINIFICATION

Aromatico is a blend of Gewürztraminer, Riesling, and Sauvignon Blanc. After hand harvesting, the Gewürztraminer was settled as juice and fermented to dryness, while the Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc were blended as juice and co-fermented leaving some residual sugar. Both parcels were then blended together on their lees and left to settle in a stainless steel tank. The wine was racked once, but no further adjustments were necessary.

### TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine is exotic and delightful with powerful notes of lychee, ginger, and sherbet which blend into a hypnotising perfume with lemongrass, dusty rose, and sweet spices. The flavours are engaging and uplifting on the palate as rose water and yeast buns are held together by a citrus spine that engages all the senses before a long grassy finish. The texture is silky and voluptuous.