

Grosset,

## `Nereus` Clare Valley Shiraz/Nero d'Avola 2021

Clare Valley, South Australia, Australia

# GROSSET



### PRODUCER

Jeffrey Grosset's love of Riesling began at 15 when his father came home with a bottle to share with the family. This bottle was enough to inspire a young Jeffrey to enrol in the local agricultural college and complete qualifications in both Agriculture and Oenology by the age of 21. After honing his craft in Australia and Germany, he bought an old milk depot in the Clare Valley town of Auburn, founding his eponymous winery in 1981. Since then, through great skill and exceptional vineyard management, this old milk depot has been transformed into one of Australia's finest wineries. 'Polish Hill' Riesling has cult status and Jeffrey has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for producing world class, age-worthy wines.

### VINEYARDS

The fruit for this wine comes from the Rockwood vineyard in the higher altitude, north-eastern corner of the Watervale subregion. The vineyard was planted between 2001 and 2018 and is A-Grade Certified Organic and Biodynamic (ACO). The hard red rock and variable soils make this vineyard viticulturally challenging.

### VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage in Clare Valley is described as a classic year with cool and dry conditions. The cool summer months promoted a slow and gentle ripening season and, despite a lack of water causing lower than average yields, the quality of the remaining fruit was excellent.

### VINIFICATION

The fruit was crushed, destemmed and cold-soaked before starting fermentation in pneumatic fermenters. These enable gentle working of the cap to increase extraction from the skins. It was then pressed into French oak barriques (45% new) to finish fermentation and mature for 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Deep purple in colour, with vivid aromas of cranberry, blackberry and bramble with subtle spice nuances. The palate is silky with a lively acidity and firm tannins. A complex wine with an attractive intensity and a savoury, lingering finish.

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| Grape Varieties | <b>90% Shiraz</b><br><b>10% Nero d'Avola</b>                      |
| Winemaker       | <b>Jeffrey Grosset and Brent Treloar</b>                          |
| Closure         | <b>Screwcap</b>   |
| ABV             | <b>13.5%</b>  |
| Residual Sugar  | <b>1.8g/L</b>   |
| Acidity         | <b>6.9g/L</b>   |
| Wine pH         | <b>3.41</b>   |
| Bottle Sizes    | <b>75cl</b>   |
| Notes           | <b>Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan</b> |

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