

MOUNT HORROCKS



Mount Horrocks, Watervale Semillon 2015

PRODUCER

Mount Horrocks Wines is run by proprietor/winemaker Stephanie Toole. Stephanie restricts production to approximately 3,500 cases per annum in order to achieve her aims of quality and single vineyard expression. Stephanie describes her wines as 'essentially hand made food wines with an emphasis on structure as well as generous fruit flavours'. All grapes are 100% estate grown from three separate vineyard sites totalling nearly 10 hectares which, in 2014, were 'A grade certified' by Australian Certified Organic (ACO). Her persistence with classic, no-compromise winemaking and a fully integrated organic approach to growing and making sets Mount Horrocks wines apart from the mainstream.

VINEYARDS

The Mount Horrocks Semillon is from a low yielding, single vineyard of unirrigated vines in Watervale. It has been a Certified Australian Organic (ACO) wine from 2014. Harvest is always done by hand.

VINTAGE

2015 vintage resulted in very fine and relatively tight yet powerful Semillon. The season was unique. After an early break to the season and following a cooler than average December and January, there was just sufficient rainfall to keep canopies green and healthy. With no disease, the grapes ripened earlier than ever experienced.

VINIFICATION

Only the free run juice was used. The wine was 100% barrel fermented with lees stirring every two weeks for three months. It remained in French oak barriques for a total of nine months. 40% of the oak was new and the remainder one and two years old. It was bottled without fining.

TASTING NOTES

A very appealing nose with sweetly spiced ripe pear and green apple. Sitting halfway between aromatic and oaked, where semillon's bright citrus fruits are balanced by stylish, integrated oak, this is a textured and layered wine, no doubt via lees work and top notch French oak, but in the end it's the quality fruit that shines – white peach, apple and lemon notes combine with winemaking influences to deliver a rounded, complex, elegant and long dry white wine of great finesse.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2015
Region	Clare Valley, South Australia
Grape Varieties	100% Semillon
Winemaker	Stephanie Toole
Features	Certified Organic, Vegan, Vegetarian
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	13%
Acidity	6.4g/L
Wine pH	3.2
Bottle Sizes	75cl