

TECHNICAL NOTES - 2021 TUFF NUTT

Small batch. Single vineyard. Handmade.

Varietal Composition: 100% Bianco d'Alessano

Region: Riverland

Vineyard: Sherwood Estate Vineyard, Loxton

Yeast: Wild

Barrel or Stainless: Stainless tanks

Harvest: February 2021 Bottling: March 2021

Soil: Red sandy loam over limestone

Alcohol: 10.5%

Residual Sugar: 0g/L

Winemakers Comments: 2021 was the kindest vintage we have experienced in 9 years of Delinquente – a La Nina cycle bringing good spring rainfall, mild summer temperatures and cool, crisp nights. The Sherwood Estate vineyard in Loxton has the only planting of Bianco d'Alessano in Australia – the vines are now coming up to 15 years old, are looking as healthy and strong as ever, and producing some wonderful fruit year on year.

Fermented in stainless steel with wild vineyard yeast, the wine was bottled under crown seal to finish ferment, resulting in the Petillant Naturel, lightly sparkling style.

There is a lot to like in this years Bianco Pet Nat. It's so bright and clean — intense tropical and citrus fruit bursting from the glass, it just screams drink me. Perfect beady, fuzzy fizz pops in the mouth, where the fruits are present but increasingly we see more of the herbaceous, savoury, moreish characters come through. Fresh, persistent, delicious — a wine made for sunshine savouring.