



TECHNICAL NOTES – 2021 HELL SERIES ROSE BLEND

Small batch. Single vineyard. Handmade.

Varietal Composition: Negroamaro 65%, Malvasia 15%, Vermentino 12%, Touriga Nacional 8%

Region: Riverland

Vineyard: Basshams Organic Barmera Vineyard

Yeast: Wild

Bottling Date: January 2022

Release Date: March 2022

Barrel or Stainless: Seasoned French barriques

Harvest: February 2021

Soil: Red sandy loam over limestone

Alcohol: 12.5%

Malolactic Fermentation: Yes

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 Bassham Family Organic and Biodynamic vineyard, bursting with natural vitality and life, took full advantage of Mother Nature’s gift and produced beautiful quality fruit – sweet, layered, and with piercing acidity – and plenty of it too!

The Hell Series wines represent our experimentation with winemaking techniques, and allow the fruit to express different, unique and compelling characteristics.

This Hell Rose is one that is always a bit of a mish-mash of parcels of wine that in any other situation would never be put together – but through tasting, experimentation and a bit of luck, all sort of work! The idea this year was to experiment with a backbone of Negroamaro made as a rose, and flesh that out with aromatic varieties to provide depth. Each variety was handpicked and whole bunch pressed to stainless steel tank for fermentation. Once sugar dry, the wine is sent to old French barriques for malo and maturation for about 8 months, before racking, a touch of SO₂, and bottling.

A wine that is all about drinkability. The Negroamaro has a lovely earthy acidity, tinglingly dry. The Malvasia brings the stone fruit sweetness and fruity aromatics, the Touriga a touch of red berry and that perfumed rose petal. Layered with interest, but gluggable as hell.