



## TECHNICAL NOTES – 2021 HIGH CRIMES GRACIANO

Small batch. Single vineyard. Handmade.

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Graciano

**Region:** Riverland

**Vineyard:** Basshams Organic Barmera Vineyard

**Yeast:** Wild

**Barrel or Stainless:** Stainless tanks

**Harvest:** February 2021

**Soil:** Red sandy loam over limestone

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Format:** 1.5 litre bag in box

**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!

While the Delinquente wines focus on Southern and Central Italian varieties, the grapes native to the warmer parts of Spain and Portugal and equally as at home in the sun-drenched Riverland. To this end, the Bassham family have planted a portion of their vineyard to an amalgam of hardy Iberian varieties, which is the focus of our “High Crimes” Bag in Box wines.

Graciano may seem like a weird variety for the Riverland - predominantly planted in Rioja and Navarra, cooler regions in the north of Spain – its late ripening, holds acidity well and produces plush, aromatic fruit that stands up well in the heat. And in a cooler year, it really comes into its own, so we jumped at the chance to have a crack at the variety. Herbaceous, almost menthol aromatics jump out the glass, while the palate is all easy going red berry fruits. Mild tannin and tingling acidity keep everything in check, creating a super drinkable, super versatile, really damn yummy box wine.