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Chrismont LA ZONA Marzemino Frizzante

Chrismont Wines' New Summer Celebration

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Chrismont Wines proudly hails from North East Victoria, specifically the King Valley, Australia's uniquely diverse premium wine region. Each wine we produce is a masterful expression of the vineyards from which it came.

Chrismont Wines is proud to release its first slightly sparkling wine—**LA ZONA Marzemino Frizzante**. What makes LA ZONA Marzemino Frizzante so refreshing and different? Is it the exceptionally brilliant aromatics or the fact it remains delicate yet sprightly on the palate? **LA ZONA Marzemino Frizzante** captures all the nuances of Marzemino with a perfume of violets and red currants, exploding with juicy fruit, while hints of savouriness round out the palate. The finish is dry with flavours of berry coulis.

The grapes for Marzemino Frizzante (It. *fizzy* or *effervescent*) were picked physiologically ripe at approximately 12.5 Baumé, then crushed and fermented on skins. The juice was given limited skin contact to avoid excessive phenolic extraction, followed by tank maturation with some oak and micro-oxygenation for 12 months to round and balance the palate and tannins. To give final balance to the tannins, the wine was sweetened to 35g/L, followed by saturation with CO₂ at normal atmospheric pressure. It was bottled cold at 0C to retain its sprits. Alc/Vol: 12.5%.

The Marzemino grape variety comes to the King Valley from its ancestral homeland of Trentino-Alto Adige in Northern Italy, much like many of the families who migrated to North East Victoria following the Second World War. Traditionally, Marzemino is grown in the Vallagarina area close to Rovereto in the southern reaches of Trentino where there are outcrops of basalt in the soils which give rise to clay (dark earth) which in turn leaves a strong imprint on the wine. The King Valley offers similar, and quite favourable, growing conditions for this variety. **Chrismont Wines** is one of only two commercial producers of this varietal in North East Victoria, if not all of Australia.

A piece of Marzemino trivia is that it is the only wine mentioned in an opera. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Don Giovanni repeatedly mentions Marzemino: "*Bevete il vino, il nobile Marzemino!*" (Drink wine, the noble Marzemino!)

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