

LA ZONA

LA ZONA NERO D'AVOLA 2021 – KING VALLEY

Translating as 'black grape of Avola', Nero d'Avola hails from Italy's island of Sicily and the town of which it is named, Avola. It's medium-bodied and fine-tannin features makes Nero d'Avola a great 'in the middle' red wine choice and is an exciting new addition to our La Zona collection of wines and alongside it's fellow, and white, compatriot, Fiano.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR: Dark crimson colour of moderate intensity.

AROMA: Red cherry, plum fruits and herbal lift of Thai basil and white pepper.

PALATE: Red fruit flavours, bright acidity, and medium-bodied palate. Fine tannins give the palate a dry, textured finish.

FOOD: Tomato, basil, and seafood pappardelle. **Chrismont Restaurant, Autumn menu 2023).**

WINEMAKING

"Grapes are harvested cool then crushed into an open red fermenter to allow the must to soak for two days before the yeast is added. Fermentation is allowed to proceed slowly, with the temperature rising gradually until dry. The wine is then drained and gently pressed to barrels (30% new) to allow for malolactic fermentation, then racked into older barrels for up to 12-months maturation before being blended and prepared for bottling." **Warren Proft, winemaker**

THE LA ZONA COLLECTION

Italian for 'the area', La Zona celebrates Chrismont's heritage and the upper King Valley's connection and affection for Mediterranean varietals.

WINE SPECIFICATIONS

VARIETY: 100% Nero d'Avola

VINEYARD SITES: Stoney Creek Vineyard, Edi Upper

AVERAGE VINE AGE: 5 years

AVERAGE ALTITUDE: 360m

VINE TRAINING: Vertical shoot position

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

Alcohol: 13.0%

pH: 3.46

Acid: 5.90 g/L

Drink: Now or cellar up to 2031

