

OSSA Grüner Veltliner Accolades

2023

94 points

STUART KNOX, THE REAL REVIEW

"Vibrant lemon and lime colours shining through whilst the nose leaps with ripe melon, hints of flint and nettle leaf. Dense and powerful, there's a real intensity to the core of fruit here but it is balanced by spice and flint complexities with bright acid and a brush of phenolics keeping it well focused and driving it. The finish is clean, tense and very long. A very impressive example of the variety." (Apr, 2024)

93 points

DAVE BROOKES, HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

"Grüner veltliner from the Belbrook vineyard on the East Coast of Tasmania; fermented in French oak then transferred to stainless steel. Pale with green flashes and aromas of white peach, nashi pear and grapefruit along with hints of wildflowers, white pepper, crème fraîche, stone, fennel and a peek of almond blossom and mountain herbs. Crystalline in its clarity and drive with impressive tension and minerality, it's a great example of a variety showing much promise in Tasmania." (Jan, 2024)

94 points

CAMPBELL MATTINSON, THE WINE FRONT

"Power and presence. Oak is certainly apparent but the fruit quality here is quite something. Citrus, pepper, cedar, grapefruit pulp and nectarine with an almond paste-like character through the back half of the wine. It's coiled but there's yet no question of its length. There's grip too; a squeakiness. This is impressive." (Dec, 2023)

93 points

NICK RYAN, THE AUSTRALIAN

"An energetic, tightly focused wine that validates the optimism some have for the variety's future in Tasmania. Waxy lemon zest and a scraping of pith, river stones and a soft salinity. A pleasing, gentle fleshiness upon entry that transitions seamlessly to a crackling, quartz compression. Length and precision a key strength. 100% estate grown." (Sept, 2024)

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HUON HOOKE, THE REAL REVIEW

"Light bright yellow with a nutty/toasty barrel-influenced bouquet, slight yeasty/passionfruit and straw/silage overtones. The wine is soft and full, round and texturally refined, with a lovely balance between fruity and savoury characteristics. There is richness and depth of flavour indicating good concentration while the wine retains refinement and subtlety. Delicious drinking—if not especially varietal." (Apr, 2023)

92 points

DAVE BROOKES, HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

"Grüner veltliner from the Bellbrook vineyard on the East Coast of Tasmania, fermented wild in seasoned French barriques. Pale straw with beautiful aromas of white peach, grapefruit, freshly cut fennel, white pepper, almond blossom and crushed stone. Clarity and detail here with excellent tension, a slink of texture and a softly spiced finish that shows plenty of citrus and stone fruited crunch and verve." (Feb, 2023)

KARA MONSSEN, THE HERALD SUN

"Smells like plump tinned lychees in syrup. Packing green fleshy apples, fennel, lychees and ripe white peaches with a fruit-force intensity and creamy finish. The Tassie variety of this Austrian grape tastes similar to riesling and longs for Chinese takeaway, yet holds its own with a rounder, richer palate. Wow-factor material." (May, 2023)

MAX ALLEN, THE FINANCIAL REVIEW

"But the wine I was most intrigued by was the 2022 Gruner Veltliner, from a small block of vines in Ossa's own vineyard on the east coast. With really characterful, green-grape-pulpy fruit flavours and textural weight, this is fresh and focused and scintillating." (Dec, 2022)