

# Summer of '69



## Summer Of '69 'Early Pick' Verdelho

### Marquis Fruit Weight

Required: 55% - 65%  
Actual: 58%

Marquis Fruit Weight™ is the percentage of your palate (from the tip of your tongue going all the way back) that's covered by the velvety sensation of fruit, before you experience any of the structural components of the wine

### Vineyards:

Gemtree, McLaren Vale

Sustainably Grown  
Picked 18th February

Alc/Vol: 14%  
Residual sugar: 0.5  
pH: 3.34

RRP: \$25

### Vintage Report

Across most regions of South Australia, the wine community is in agreement that we were blessed with a 2021 Vintage that rivals the best we've seen this century. The overall impact of early rainfall and warmer temperatures, with a milder Summer meant that we saw both increased yield and increased quality, which rarely go hand in hand.

Our 2021 Vintage started off well with favourable rainfall in May and June, post our 2020 harvest. From then came calm weather for the remainder of the year, with below average rainfalls that reduced our challenges with disease later in the season. With only a few short heat spells during the Summer, the vines spent most of their time in the active temperature range for photosynthesis and respiration, creating a healthy vine with grapes of intense colour, flavour and Fruit Weight™.

Our first harvest was for our 'Early Pick' Verdelho on the 18th of February at Gemtree vineyards in McLaren Vale. Unlike the condensed harvest from 2020, late February saw mild weather that continued throughout our harvest, drawing our picks out for over 8 weeks. This favourable weather allowed us to pick when blocks were at their premium, achieving the highest Fruit Weight™. Almost two months after our first harvest, we completed the final pick at our Birchmore vineyards, Shiraz Block 126 on the 15th of April.

During our 2021 Vintage, we picked a total of 1388.30 tons, our 2nd largest on Mollydooker record!

### Winemaker Tasting Notes

A fragrant bouquet of citrus and melon greets you followed by a hint of sherbet. Fresh pineapple and white peach fill out the palate, giving the wine a light, summery feel that keeps you going back for that next glass. Crafted specifically for those warm, balmy days and nights, the 2021 Summer of '69 is perfect for sharing amongst friends.

### Awards

Stay tuned!

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was inspired by Sarah's birth year. She wanted to celebrate this cheeky era of peace, love and good times.