



RUSTY MUTT

- TASTING NOTE - 2024 SNAPDRAGON FIANO

THE WINE

"I called my wine range 'Rusty Mutt' as I was born in the Year of The Metal Dog in Chinese Astrology. Metal Dog was then 'Australianised' to Rusty Mutt. The Snapdragon Fiano was named after my mother-in-law, who was born the year of the Dragon in Chinese Astrology. The first vintage, 2024, also happens to be the year of the Dragon. The Snapdragon flower also alludes to the floral nature of Fiano." - Scott Heidrich (Owner / Winemaker)

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2024 vintage certainly presented some challenges with a cool start to the growing season bringing above average rainfall from November to January. As a result, yields were down in the vineyard compared to previous vintages. Then we received a series of hot days in March seriously compressing picking times.

Happily, none of these factors have affected fruit quality, it just meant that I had to work harder and longer. Early indicators are showing fantastic results with wines of great structure, palate length and depth of fruit. I can't wait to see how they develop further prior to release. Make sure you keep your eye out for them.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

The colour is a lively golden straw with youthful green hues. Quite a complex and inviting blend of fruit and floral notes come forward. Displaying orange blossom, honeydew melon, guava and rose petals, moving more to fresh citrus and jasmine with time in the glass.

Bright citrus flavours express themselves first, followed by melon and some herbaceous characters as it warms in the mouth. Very well defined acidity finishes the wine strongly, leaving a lingering piquant and savoury citrus zest flavour.

FOOD MATCH

Enjoy with Chicken Caesar Salad, Pasta Carbonara, BBQ Garlic King Prawns, seared Atlantic Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce, creamy Camembert or Tallegio Cheese.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Winemaker: Scott Heidrich

Region: McLaren Vale

Varietal: Fiano

Oak Treatment: Fermented in stainless steel and bottled ASAP to capture its youth and freshness.

Alc: 13.0% **pH:** 3.39 **TA:** 6.84 g/L **RS:** 2.30 g/L



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