

RICCA TERRA

BRONCO BUSTER

— VARIETAL MIX —

Mediterranean white grape varietal blend
(Fiano, Vermentino, Greco and Arinto)

— THE STORY —

In a life before wine, Ricca Terra Farms' Ashley Ratcliff was a horseman (representing Australia in 1991). Growing up on a farm in the Adelaide Hills, he moved to a small town outside Fort Worth, Texas, USA, where his job was breaking in wild horses.

Working with an animal that has no prior connection with a human, gaining its trust, teaching it to allow a person to climb all over it, and then building a friendship between horse and man is an amazing and rewarding experience.

There are close parallels between breaking in a horse and growing & making alternative grape varieties. Vision, knowledge, trust and patience are required if success is expected, whether that be wine or horse. Get it wrong and you are sure to be bucked off!

— THE STRATEGY BEHIND THE BLEND —

Four white grape varieties are used to make this wine. Vermentino was chosen for its ability to produce great wine in a warm dry environment and was the first white Mediterranean grape planted at Ricca Terra Farms. Fiano was planted purely for its fragrant flavour and Greco to give a crunchy acid punch. Arinto was the special element...the newest grape variety at Ricca Terra Farms.

— TECHNICAL STUFF —

Viticulture: The four grape varieties selected to make this wine all have a common theme, they have an ability to hold loads of natural acid when grown in a warm viticultural climate. All the varieties are hand pruned and hand harvested. Harvesting occurs in early March. Immediately after harvest the grapes are stored at 4 degrees Celsius in a cool room before being transported to the winery. Winemaking: Three of the grape varieties were co-fermented (Vermentino, Fiano and Greco). The Greco was harvested before it reached full flavour maturity, which gives this wine a tight acid zing (no acid additions were made at the winery). The Bronco Buster was fermented and stored in stainless steel (no oak).

Alc/Vol: 12.2%



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