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DAS SAKRILEG / LA VIOLETTA / 2021 / GREAT SOUTHERN / AUSTRALIA

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PRODUCER

Andrew Hoadley has worked all across Australia as well as abroad in Barbaresco, Abruzzo and Washington state, and is today regarded as one of Western Australia's revolutionary winemakers. He created La Violetta in 2008, taking the name from an old Piemontese song that celebrates intoxication (responsibly, naturally). He is based in the Great Southern on the coast near Denmark, but sources grapes from trusted growers across the region to make his stunning, envelope-pushing wines in really tiny quantities - a real master of blends.

LA VIOLETTA

VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

Riesling grapes are sourced from several outstanding sites in Denmark and Mount Barker on sandy loam over clay and granite. The wine fermented at ambient temperature in a cool cellar and remained on lees in old puncheons and hogsheads for 9 months, before racking and bottling without fining or filtration. In contrast to the classic purist Australian Riesling style, juice is oxidatively handled, fermented wild (using ambient yeasts) in barrel. The wine is matured on un-sulphured lees and may undergo partial malolactic. The wine fermented at ambient, cool cellar temperature and remained on lees in old puncheons and hogsheads for 9 months, before racking and bottling without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTE

Partly inspired by winemakers of the Mosel Valley and Alsace, but mostly just to provoke, Das Sakrileg is a wine produced in small volumes (280 cases in 2021) for those with inquisitive palates and a healthy appreciation of diversity, challenging the prevailing Aussie Riesling style. The 2021 release shows great phenolic presence and depth of savoury characters, with scents reminiscent of quince, sherbet, beeswax and complex characters derived from wild ferment and extended lees contact.

FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	ANDREW HOADLEY
VARIETIES	100% RIESLING
APPELLATION	GREAT SOUTHERN
CLOSURE	SCREW TOP
ALCOHOL	12.5%
SUGAR	2.6 G/L
TOTAL ACIDITY	8.1 G/L
ORGANIC	NO
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES
TOTAL SULPHUR	89 MG/L
CASE SIZE	12

