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## Ricca Terra, Bronco Buster, Riverland, South Australia, 2021



### Producer Profile

That the Riverland region of South Australia is now being re-imagined and reinterpreted is, in part, due to the efforts of one man.

As a viticulturist, Ashley Ratcliffe knew that not only were some of the best Riverland vineyards undervalued but that many were planted with the wrong varieties for the climate. Over the last few years, these vineyards have come on stream with varieties like Montepulciano, Touriga, Arinto, Fiano and Nero d'Avola to name but a few. Ashley's Ricca Terra range are vibrant, quirky, cleverly made wines that have deliciousness as their raison d'être. More than that though, they are a beacon for the future sustainability of a previously much derided region and it is to Ashley's credit that other serious producers are now taking fruit from here.

### Viticulture

There is one grape variety that is quickly building a reputation for being tough, pretty and full of flavour! That variety is Fiano. 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. Greco to give a crunchy acid punch.

### Winemaking

The grape varieties selected to make this wine all have a common theme, they have an ability to hold loads of natural acidity 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. Aged in 5 to 6 year old oak barrels so as not to impart any oak flavour but to add some complexity to the blend.

### Tasting Note

This interesting blend is intensely floral with plentiful aromas of lemon zest and musk. The palate is deftly balanced with fresh acidity and great length.

### Food Matching

Any white fish dish, as well as with shellfish such as prawns, lobster and clams.

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Vermentino 56%

Fiano 44%

ABV: 12%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 12 x 75cl

#### Oak Ageing

Type: 5 to 6 Year old barrels

% wine oaked: 100

% new oak: None