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Wild & Wilder, Cloud Cuckoo Land, Greco, Fiano, Zibibbo, Riverland, South Australia, 2021



Producer Profile

Wild & Wilder is all about good clean fun. Working hand in hand with their merry (in a good season) band of growers, they craft wines of supreme quality but don't take it all too seriously.

Great fruit, grown by great people and made with a lot of love by people that know that wine is all about the good times, delicious food and creating great memories. Founded by Giles Cooke MW & Fergal Tynan MW, who also make the Thistledown wines, the mundane is just not in their DNA. Being involved in every stage of the winemaking process from bud burst to bottle means that every bottle from Wild & Wilder is an experience you'll want to try again.

Viticulture

Trellised and spur pruned, minimal irrigation to reduce vigour and some shoot thinning to control yield.

Winemaking

Hand-picked before gentle de-stemming and crushing. Greco & Zibibbo were held on skins for 24 hours. Cool fermented separately followed by maturation on lees.

Tasting Note

Cloud Cuckoo Land is an imaginary state of absurd over optimism – something that all those at Wild & Wilder are often accused of. Indeed, not so long ago, if they had said that we wanted to make high quality, low intervention wines made from Mediterranean varieties in the Riverland, Cloud Cuckoo land is exactly where people would have said that they lived! But, they believe that anything is possible if you don't see the obstacles, you challenge the "received wisdom" and resist the naysayers. Cloud Cuckoo Land is for everyone who feels the same. A vibrant, textural white with hints of almond blossom, quince and ripe pear. Tangy, almost exotic but pithy and delicious.

Awards

James Halliday 90 Points

45%/ 41%/ 14% Greco/ Fiano/ Zibibbo constitute an idiosyncratic and playful blend, drawing on deep Mediterranean roots. Sourced from the Riverland, a bastion of industrial wine, this is exemplary, versatile and delicious. Grape spice, orange blossom, citrus and pistachio. 90 Points, NG(MW), Feb 2022.

Technical Details

Varieties:

Greco 45%

Fiano 41%

Zibibbo 14%

ABV: 13%

Closure: Screw cap

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

No oak ageing