



## Yard Dog White

South Australia - Australia 2014

Back in 1987 we saw the start of something called "Flying Winemakers"...top young Aussie winemakers flying over to help with the European vintage. Shock! Horror! But...the new ideas, the energy, optimism and talent really benefitted Europe...and...Europe gave the Aussies a lot of ideas in return. Like Red Heads, for example.

See...the "flyers" got frustrated when they flew home to dull jobs in the mega wineries of the ho ho! "rationalized" Australian wine industry. They envied their French and Italian mates who made just the wines they wanted to make. With no money to set up their own wineries, they just made a few barrels in garages. Fantastic wines came out of tin sheds!

Yard Dog. The old faithful friend. A beloved household pet the whole family adores. The quintessential companion. The same could be said for these Aussie varietals, almost every winery owns one. It is said that the personality of a dog will reflect that of its owner and the character of a wine will reflect that of its maker. But winemakers beware! If you do not pamper the pooch you may find that the hand that feeds the dog may be bitten. Beware of the Yard Dog.

The aromatics initially leap from the glass with the white flowers and honey of Viognier, hailing from the Barossa. To soften the palate and add further texture a sizable dose of Padthaway Sémillon is blended. Now you have a rich and bass note like wine and a splash of Clare Valley Riesling is just what the veterinarian ordered to bring malic notes and bright acidity. The result is a wine to chug with friends or alone, outside or in, but please, never leave the bottle unattended for disappearing wine is sure to happen.

### Composition

55% Viognier - 35% Semillon - 10% Riesling

### Production

8,000 cases

### Élevage

10 months in Stainless Steel

### Yields

Average 4.5 tons/acre

### Vineyards

Varied: Viognier (Barossa) – Sémillon (Padthaway) – Riesling (Clare Valley)

### Tasting Notes

“ Pale green straw, with subtle stonefruit and citrus notes on the nose. The leads to a generous palate flavored with white peaches and apricots yet a driving acid keeps the mouthfeel fresh and vibrant. It finishes tangy and dry, with good cut and subtle spiciness. ”

### Reviews

None