



# DOWIE DOOLE

## 2011 DOWIE DOOLE Chenin Blanc

### Grape Varieties

100% Chenin Blanc

### Vineyard Region

McLaren Vale, South Australia

### Vintage Conditions

The grapes are sourced primarily from nearly 100 year-old vines on Drew Dowie and Lulu Lunn's Tintookie vineyard, which is situated on sandy soils at Blewitt Springs, located on the cooler slopes above McLaren Vale. In 2011 our attention turned to sourcing additional fruit from the similarly aged Chenin vineyard at Blewitt Springs owned by Reg Wymond, whose grapes we used in the DOWIE DOOLE Chenin Blanc produced from 2002-2004.

Vintage 2011 was much cooler, a little damper and much later than anything we have experienced for some years. There was some disease pressure from botrytis. The Tintookie and Wymond vineyards with their free draining soils, good open canopies (to allow for air circulation) and low crop levels, once again produced fine varietal fruit with lovely flavours and excellent acidity. These features were accompanied by slightly lower than usual alcohol; a result of the cooler vintage. Harvest took place on the 29th March just over 4 weeks later than in 2010.

Analysis: Alc/Vol:12.5% TA: 7.38 g/L Free SO<sub>2</sub>: 44 mg/l Total SO<sub>2</sub>: 152 mg/l pH: 3.21 Res. Sugar: 4.4 g/L Spec Gravity: 0.9917 VA: 0.29

### Tasting Notes

Almost water white with pale green straw hues.

Fresh, lively aromas of green apple, citrus, white flowers and a dash of stem ginger.

The aromas follow through onto the palate with a burst of delicate white fruit and citrus flavours, a lovely, long palate and crisp mineral acidity to round it off.

The perfect 'alternative' blanc!

### Food Match

Fish, crustaceans, vegetables and lighter spicy oriental dishes.

### Drink

Now or cellar for 10 years +

### Viticulturist

Lulu Lunn / Reg Wymond

### Winemaker

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