



2022 KOUKALAKA SANGIOVESE

Sangiovese was pioneered in Australia by Coriole Vineyards. Our exploration of the variety has taken us to our first bottling of a single vineyard wine from our Blewitt Springs site - resulting in a very different style that showcases the versatility of sangiovese and its suitability to our climate.

Tasting notes

A more perfumed nose in this ethereal expression of sangiovese - aromatics of blood orange, Campari, fresh earth, five spice and wild strawberry. The palate follows with flavours of red and black cherry, mulled raspberry and star anise. The Koukalaka Sangiovese has an effortless volume about the wine which provides texture across the whole palate, finishing with a very long but fine tanning structure to give excellent length.

Serving suggestion

A wine to put in a nice glass and mull over with some lighter foods, such as mild charcuterie and platter accompaniments.

Winemaker says

Sourced from our Blewitt Springs vineyard on Douglas Gully Road - the sandy soiled site gives this wine its unusual name - the name Koukalaka is of Hawaiian origin and means "Douglas"! After fermentation, this parcel of fruit received extended time on skins, approximately 9 months. This longer time on skins causes a softening of the structure and it's forming longer chains of tannins which then can precipitate out of the wine.

Technical notes

Region (GI): 100% McLaren Vale

Varietal comp: 100% Sangiovese

Alcohol: 14.2%

Total acidity: 6.15 g/L

pH: 3.54

GF: 0.2 g/L

2022 vintage

At Coriole, the 2022 vintage had similar beginnings to the fantastic 2021 vintage, with healthy rainfall through the preceding winter and early spring. Whilst we were in La Niña conditions we had a relatively dry November and December with cooler temperatures. There was a resultant yield loss in several varieties due to poor fruit set, affecting quantity but not quality. We continued into the new year with cooler than average conditions with no extreme heat events allowing even ripening and delaying harvest until late February. Sangiovese looked excellent coming off the vine with great fruit condition and concentrated flavours.

