



## 2024 Corymbia Rocket's Vineyard Chenin Blanc Swan Valley, Western Australia

"The heat is on, on the street...the pressure's high just to stay alive" Yep, this classic Glenn Frey 80's track was the soundtrack for our Swan Valley grape vines in 2024. Yes, it was very hot in 2024, but this wine is hot to trot! We think we made a pretty cool wine, particularly in a vintage like 2024 with a record early harvest on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan which meant we avoided all the heat spikes that came our way through the rest of January and February.

### The fruit

We dedicate our single vineyard Swan Valley wines to Rob's late father and former Australian Test Cricketer Tony "Rocket" Mann. With a lightening arm, Tony was well known to "rocket" the ball in from the outfield to hit middle stump. Aside from cricket, Tony loved wine. An old currant vineyard caught his eye, which he quickly transformed into a Chenin Blanc oasis, with Rob, 33 years ago. The fruit is now dry grown and organically farmed by Rob and Genevieve Mann. In July 2022 we proudly achieved "certified organic" status with ACO Certification Ltd.

### The wine

The grapes were hand harvested and whole bunch pressed prior to natural fermentation. A portion was fermented & matured in seasoned French oak barriques for 5 months prior to blending and bottling. The wine has a crystalline clarity with fresh citrus pith and Christmas cracker funk filling the aromas. The palate is full flavored yet restrained with lemon sherbet, loquats and beeswax, underpinned by a briny, oyster shell, savory backbone and a soft, dry finish. Prawns on the BBQ and crayfish sandwiches are the perfect match here!

### The label

Corymbia calophylla is the botanical name for the West Australian marri tree which grows tall and strong on the state's best vineyard sites. The image is a graphical expression of the 12-month climatic data for the vintage year, whose form represents the marri blossom in full bloom. The 365 stamens represent the daily minimum and maximum temperatures against the monthly average. The darker colored blocks represent the monthly & average rainfall. January is at 12 o'clock and the red stamen is the harvest date. The infographic mimics our natural environment as its form changes subtly each year and is the purest expression of the vintage conditions in which our fruit was grown. Label design by graphic designer Emma Mann.

### Technical Data

<b>Vineyard</b>	Rocket's Vineyard, Upper Swan, WA		
<b>Variety</b>	100% Chenin Blanc		
<b>Soils</b>	Houghton loam		
<b>Clones</b>	Noack massale selection planted in 1992		
<b>Rootstock</b>	Schwarzman		
<b>Vine density</b>	1540 vines per hectare		
<b>Picking date</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		
<b>Alcohol</b>	12.7%	<b>Residual sugar</b>	0.7 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.16	<b>Bottling date</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Total Acidity</b>	6.10 g/l	<b>Best drinking</b>	now to 2031