## Kangarilla Road Tasting Notes



## 2021 Kangarilla Road Montepulciano

The 2021 growing season started well with a wet winter and the wettest spring for 10 years encouraging the vines to grow good canopies and a good number of bunches. Summer was unusually cool and dry allowing long even ripening for the grapes, especially shiraz, to develop intense flavours and fine tannins.

Montepulciano is a new variety to Australia and originates from the Abruzzi region of central Italy. It's behaviour viticulturally in Australia is excellent and appears to thrive in our Mediterranean style climate.

This wine was fermented using traditional plunging techniques in open fermenters followed by an extended maceration on skins. The wine was aged in a combination of older French and American oak puncheons and hogsheads for 9 months.

Total Acidity g/L	6.04
Alcohol %	14.0
pH	3.53

Winemaker Kevin O'Brien

Gossamer blankets of blackberry fruits with touches of red berries intersperse with the rich and enigmatic perfume of crimson roses and exotic spice. On the palate at first the sweet and spicy flavours of poached pears. The charming fruit tannin intertwines with the dark rich fruit carrying the flavours to a delightful lingering finish.