

# 2021 Billy Button “The Elusive” Nebbiolo

Nebbiolo is known as the 'King' of Italian grape varieties and is notoriously difficult to grow and make. The mountainous topography and climate of the Alpine Valleys is not that dissimilar to Piedmont, the Italian home of the variety. Growers Tony and Josie Ferraro put in an inordinate amount of time to their small patch of Nebbiolo to ensure the quality of the resultant grapes.

## Production Notes

The fruit was machine picked and destemmed to a combination of open pots and flexcubes for fermentation with indigenous yeast. The ferments were hand plunged twice daily. Once ferment was complete the extended skin contact component in flexcubes were topped and allowed a further 8 months on skins before pressing. The open tub ferments were also pressed to flexcube. The wine was then allowed to mature without any oak prior to filtration. Bottled November 2022.

## Tasting Note

Bright brick hues, with trademark aromas of thyme, dark spices and leather combined with an underlying ferruginous character. Dried cranberries, sun baked garden herbs and a red earthiness compliment tannins that are prominent yet soft, coating the mouth to provide an enticing lingering finish.

*Optimal Drinking Window – 2023 to 2031*

## Technical Details

Vineyards:	Ferraro Vineyard, Myrtleford
Region:	Alpine Valleys
Alcohol:	14.0%
Volume made:	126 dozen
RRP:	\$35
Winemaker:	Jo Marsh and Glenn James

