

2023 Billy Button “The Versatile” Vermentino



The Alpine Valleys region boasts a proud Italian-origin population, many of them second or third generation who have followed their parents into crop growing. Tobacco used to be a significant industry, hence the iconic kiln houses that dot the landscape. Once tobacco declined, many took to growing grapes and hence the area has an array of Italian grape varieties, including Vermentino. This variety is grown in various Italian regions and originate from Sardinia. This fruit comes from the Ferraro Vineyard at Myrtleford. Growing this sun loving variety in a cool climate means that Jo can pick the fruit a little riper while still retaining good acidity. This results in a richer more textural style of Vermentino.

Vintage Snapshot

A cool season, especially for Vermentino (a variety that loves heat) has produced a delicate wine with attractive citrus qualities and great natural acidity.

Production Notes

The fruit was machine harvested and pressed as one component to a holding tank where it was partially settled overnight. Using Flexcubes and stainless steel, the juice was then split into several batches and inoculated with selected yeast. Ferments were slow and cool, with temperatures maintained around 15 degrees. Wine was then held on lees with occasional stirring to enrich texture before final blending and clarification. Bottled September 2023.

Tasting Notes

Sourced from the Ferraro Vineyard at Myrtleford, this Vermentino has lifted citrus and melon aromas, with hints of spice and a textured palate. Our expression of Vermentino shows how happily it partners with so many different cuisines and occasions (it's a floozy at heart!)

Optimal Drinking Window – now until 2028

Technical details

Vineyard:	Ferraro Vineyard, Myrtleford
Region:	Alpine Valleys
Alcohol:	13%
Volume Made:	322 dozen
Winemaker:	Glenn James, Melissa Fettke and Jo Marsh

Vintage: 2023

Varietal: Vermentino

Appellation: Alpine Valleys