

# 2021 OFFSHOOT VERDELHO



**Scarborough**  
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*This Offshoot Verdelho opens with stone fruit aromas, followed by a fresh, tropical palate and a crisp finish.*



## TASTING NOTES

Soil: red clay loam with ironstone  
Oak: no oak treatment  
Colour: green  
Nose: stone fruit and green tea with tropical overtones  
Palate: passionfruit with oranges and mandarins. The mid palate is crisp with a long finish of granny smith apples and cool, mineral acid

## VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 comes after a season of renewal following a sustained period of drought. It was an ideal growing season, with modest rainfall and modest crops present as the vines bounced back to life. With Winter 2020 being warmer than average we saw budburst begin a touch early, flowering and veraison timed closer to normal. Rainfall in December and January coupled with cool, overcast days helped the fruit retain good pH and acid levels as it started to ripen. Vintage commenced with a selection of early harvesting before a run of sustained, glorious dry and mild weather saw fruit hanging out for full flavour development. Riper Chardonnays and Semillons are looking fantastic and are sunshine in a glass, with abundant flavour and texture. Early Shiraz blocks ripened rapidly and had some lovely berry shrinkle before being harvested in early February, with later blocks taking a bit longer to move into the ideal flavour range. Vintage 2021 was a more gentle vintage than the last few years with fruit coming in steadily throughout January and February, wrapping up a very rewarding season for our vineyard teams.

## WINEMAKING

Picked on Wednesday 17th January 2021. Free run juices combined, pressings combined. Fermented cool in stainless steel tanks to retain primary fruit flavours. Mixed monthly on lees to help fill mid palate with subtle creaminess. Bottled in June 2021 to retain primary fruit freshness.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 12.0  
pH: 3.42  
T.A: 7.5 gm/L  
Tasting: 30/06/21

## CELLARING

Drink now or over the next year

## FOOD MATCHES

Panzanella Salad

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