

The name for our classic, multi-regional Italian style range of wines stems from the old Italian folk story by Carlo Collodi. The Crittenden's passion for Italian varieties has also seen winemaker Rollo work and travel extensively through the north of Italy, while Garry (Rollo's father and company founder), has written a book on climatic comparisons between Italy and Australia. 2023 saw a redesign of the Pinocchio label, closely tying the new artwork and rebrand with the traditional Pinocchio story.

2022 ROSATO

NERO D'AVOLA

VINTAGE

Cool wet and often windy conditions in October and November 2021 resulted in a slower than usual early growth period with flowering being both late and less productive than average (and desired). By mid December the inclement weather gave way to ideal development and ripening conditions with the near perfect weather making for an excellent harvest for both whites and reds right across the Mornington Peninsula and Victoria.

REGION

Murray Darling region, Victoria.

WINEMAKING

The hand harvested grapes were gently whole bunch pressed and the expressed juice was sent to a stainless steel vessel. After settling, the clear pink juice was separated from the solids where it was allowed to commence fermentation with natural ("wild") yeast. Fermentation took place in old oak barriques, where the wine remained for a further 7 months on gross lees to enhance its richness and complexity. Once the aging process was complete the resulting wine was again racked to stainless steel tanks where it was stabilised and filtered in preparation for bottling.

TECHNICAL DATA

ALCOHOL	12%	ACIDITY	5.80 g/L
PH	3.47	RESIDUAL SUGAR	Dry
MALOLACTIC	0%		

NOSE

A lively core of berry fruit.

PALATE

Clean vibrant acidity and a nice dry finish.

DRINK WITH

Salad Nicoise, Mexican fish tacos, ceviche.

CELLARING

Drink now or over the next 2 years.

