



# 2018 Little Demon Verdelho

## TASTING NOTE



### THE GRAPE

Verdelho is a white wine grape originating from Portugal and has traditionally been one of the most popular grapes planted on the small island of Madeira since vines were first planted there in the 15th century. Australian versions of Verdelho are noted for their intense flavours with hints of lime and honeysuckle and the dense texture that the wines can get after some aging. In the vineyard, Verdelho is a moderately vigorous vine that produces bunches of small oval berries with a high skin to juice ratio. This skins of the berry can be thick and ripen early, for example typically in the first weeks of February each year, meaning it is the first of our grapes crushed each vintage.

### THE NAME

In 1871 Scottish scientist James Clerk Maxwell proposed a thought experiment, that involved a hypothetical creature acting as a gatekeeper between two compartments to sort gas molecules according to their speed. At first glance, such a system could potentially create energy from nothing... theoretically impossible given the laws of physics. This hypothetical gatekeeper became known to physicists as Maxwell's Little Demon, and has stirred debate in the science community for more than a century.

### COLOUR<sup>1</sup>

Pale straw in colour with light green hues.

### AROMA<sup>1</sup>

Fresh notes of lime, pear, granny smith apples and lemon sherbet.

### PALATE<sup>1</sup>

The palate is fresh and vibrant with flavours of lime juice, cut pear and followed with a zesty lemon tang.

### TECHNICAL NOTES

Varietal composition: Verdelho 100%

Region (GI): McLaren Vale

Winemaker: Andrew Jericho & Mark Maxwell

Alc: 13.5% alc./vol.

pH: 3.38

TA: 6.2g/L

<sup>1</sup>Colour, aroma and palate assessed at the time of commercial release.