

2013 FRISK PRICKLY ROSSO

REGION: Alpine Valleys, Victoria
VARIETALS: 53% Dolcetto, 47% Merlot
FERMENTATION: Stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 11.0% alc/vol | 2.7% RS | 3.3 pH | 6.3 TA

WINEMAKING:

Made by a team of maverick winemakers hailing from Victoria's far corners, Frisk Rosso is crafted by seasoned hands. Spicy Merlot and vivacious Dolcetto, planted by entrepreneurial Italian immigrants drawn by gold in the mid-19th century, are fermented with canny yeasts that ensure the wine is sporting plenty of aromatic verve. And the prickle? A gentle spritz courtesy of those clever yeasts, delivering a palate-rousing tickle reminiscent of the *Rosso Frizzantes* so familiar to those early northern Italian immigrants.

TASTING NOTES:

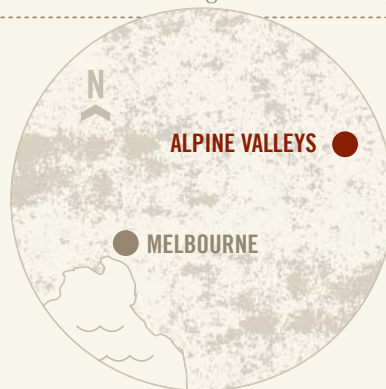
Dolcetto, in Italian, means 'little sweet one' and gives this wine its fabulous ruby hue along with black cherry and cinnamon characters. Merlot, a traditional blending grape, delivers loads of bright red fruits amid a juicy mid-palate. Together, they're like PB&J – sweet and spicy, fleshy and firm, fruity and crisp. It's kismet. This luscious tongue-lashing has some savory notes too, though, so pairing with cheese, charcuterie or your favorite pasta is a foregone conclusion. And Frisk Rosso loves to chill – its low tannin and alcohol levels mean it won't turn into a mouth-puckering monster after a spell in the cool box.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2012 - 88 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT FRISK...

Frisk's eclectic team of winemakers located high in the Alpine Valleys of Australia believe wine is for enjoying. Period. Full stop. They don't try to baffle you with terms you've never heard of or flavors that have no business in a bottle of wine. They make delicious wine with a unique prickle to it. If it tastes a bit like nectarines, they'll tell you "this tastes a bit like nectarines." If it tastes a little like limes, or minerals? That's what they'll say. Frisk wines are grown in decidedly different climes. Places a little cooler, steeper, and more obscure than the places one would expect winemakers go, because Frisk's Brilliantly Conceived Master Plan consists of Being Where The Grapes Grow Best and making wines that reflect that.



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