



Winemaker: Briony Hoare

Vintage 2009: The 2009 Vintage started with a hot spell in February which affected a number of earlier ripening wines. However our later maturing Greco di Tufo was not affected, retaining a healthy canopy, and maintaining a steady ripening pattern. The fruit retained its crisp acid structures and vibrant citrus fruit flavours.

Variety: Fiano (fee-yah-no)

A white variety originating from the hills of Avellino in the region of Campania in Southern Italy, this variety of grape is very new in Australia, with few vineyards in production at the moment. The variety is late ripening and appears to be well suited to the warmer and warming climates, by resisting the effects of the sun with thicker skins and higher acid levels.

Winegrowing Region: Langhorne Creek, South Australia

Bottling Analysis: Alcohol 13.5%, pH 3.13, TA 5.91g/L

Closure: Screw Cap

Beach Road Wines Fiano is available in 6 pack cartons.

Winemaker and Production Notes

This is the second year that I have been able to work with Fiano. I wanted to retain the intensity of flavour that we captured in the 2008. Once again I picked on flavour, not analysis. Once harvested, we crushed directly to the press for some limited skin contact, and high solids to add a few layers of flavour to the wine. With careful temperature control and by monitoring the nutrition carefully, we allowed the natural yeasts to take over, and do their thing before yeasting with a controlled strain. Once complete its aroma was a chameleon, changing and evolving depending on temperature, drinking vessel and time of day. These days I think it is best to describe it as an enhanced combination of flavours of Traminer, Pinot Gris, and Sauvignon Blanc, but uniquely itself. The 2009 is bursting with flavour, and I think I have captured some more fruit and greater length this year.

Tasting Notes

This wine shows vibrant green/yellow hues. The wine has a luscious mouthfeel, accompanied by aromas and flavours of jasmine, basil, pine nuts, cumquat blossom and honey. In your glass this wine continues to evolve, releasing new flavours as it is warmed slightly in your hand.

Food and Wine Matching

Beach Road Wines Fiano is a medium bodied wine. This wine embraces both meals at home and fine restaurant dining. Particularly suited to Saturday night meals with friends and family and late Sunday afternoon cheese tastings, this wine loves vibrant seafood dishes, spicy slow cooks, Mediterranean cuisine and curries.

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