



WINE GUILD VICTORIA INCORPORATED

'Virtual' Taste n Talk

Wednesday 19th August 2020

featuring **Ashleigh Seymour**

Winemaker, Avignonesi, Tuscany, Italy

Featured wine: **Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano**



Ashleigh Seymour grew up in Melbourne but her passion for wine led her to Adelaide, where she completed her Bachelor of Oenology at the University of Adelaide. While undertaking her course Ashleigh worked at Peter Lehmann in the Barossa Valley and The Lane Vineyard in the Adelaide Hills. After graduating she travelled to the Northern Rhone, where she worked on the 2009 vintage.

In 2010 Ashleigh was offered an internship at Avignonesi and has formed a strong bond with the people she works with and the terroir of Montepulciano. As winemaker, she now oversees the winemaking process together with Florence-born winemaker Matteo Giustiniani and works closely with the agronomist and his team. This has allowed Ashleigh to combine new world winemaking techniques with the traditions of the old world, all done with a biodynamic approach.

The wine

The Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano 2017 is delicately spicy, with intense aromas of red berry fruits and hints of linden in flower with an elegant touch of violets. The flavour is smooth, complex and long lingering, expressing a beautiful harmony between freshness, acidity and sweetness.

90% Sangiovese, 10% Canaiolo and Colorino

The winery

Founded in 1974, Avignonesi is one of Tuscany's most respected wineries. Since being acquired by Virginie Saverys in 2009, it has grown in size and become a leader in biodynamic viticulture in Italy. Virginie, Ashleigh and other members of the winemaking and viticultural team craft organic wines with minimal intervention in the cellar. Avignonesi wines are truly authentic to their origins, yet singular and unique.

The cost

Wine Guild Victoria members: \$25 including one bottle of Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano 2017
\$40 including two bottles of Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano 2017
Non-members: \$39 including one bottle of Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano 2017
\$60 including two bottles of Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano 2017

The wine will be delivered to your door free of charge before the event.

Please note that the retail cost of a bottle of Avignonesi Rosso di Montepulciano in Australia is usually between \$34.00 and \$39.00 per bottle.

Time: 7.15pm log on for a 7.30pm start. You will be sent a link that will allow you to join the event.

Book before midnight on Sunday August 9 to ensure that your wine will be delivered before the event.
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