



DUTSCHKE 2003 IVY BLONDINA FRONTIGNAC

Back in 1983 White Frontignac vines were planted on the family vineyard at Lyndoch in the Barossa Valley. Each year since then, the Frontignac has made its way into a couple of the local producers "Late Harvest" style table wines. This year rather than sell all this magnificent fruit to another winemaker I thought I would use a bit of it myself and make a wine similar in style to the French "Beaumes-de-Venise", a sweet aperitif wine from the Rhone Valley. An unusual style here in Australia, but a wine that traps the generous flavour of this marvellous grape variety. We thought it fitting to name this wine "Ivy Blondina" after my grandmother, Ken's mother and wife of my grandfather Oscar Semmler.

This is of course the first release of the "Ivy Blondina", but certainly won't be the last. I am very pleased the way this wine has shaped up, so I will be making a small amount of this wine each year. The wine shows citrus and tropical fruit characters both on the nose and the palate. Sweet and refreshing, but finishing dry as a result of the warm alcohol and cleansing acid finish. Best consumed chilled and before the meal, but also works well as a refreshing cleanser with cheese at the end of the meal.

Winemaker	Wayne Dutschke
Vineyard:	Ken Semmler's Lyndoch Vineyard
Region:	Lyndoch, Barossa Valley, South Australia
Harvest Date:	13 th February 2003
Alcohol:	14.5%



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