



FREEMAN VINEYARDS

Freeman Vineyards is located in the Hilltops region of New South Wales. This specialist family wine company was established in 1999 by viticulturist Dr Brian Freeman, previously the professor of Wine Science at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga.

The 200-hectare estate comprises several elevated vineyard blocks located within a radius of 10 kilometres on a 560-metre ridge. This high and cool location and the well-structured free-draining decomposed granite soils have proven ideally suited to viticulture.

VITICULTURE & WINEMAKING

The original old vine Altura Vineyard that dates back to the mid-1970s was planted with a diverse and rare selection of grapes. One of these early plantings is Aleatico most commonly associated with the Italian island of Elba, where Napoleon was temporarily exiled. Today it is Tuscany's most notable sweet wine. The original four rows have been expanded to a hectare (primarily by grafting onto mature pinot vines) leading to our inaugural release of this appealing lightly fortified dessert style wine.

FREEMAN Aleatico is crafted from fully mature grapes that are de-stemmed, crushed and fermented for a short period of time, then fortified to stop the fermentation to preserve the natural sweetness of the Aleatico grapes. It is then aged in old barrels, settled but not filtered and racked before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

FREEMAN Aleatico is a cherry amber-hued, sweet highly aromatic wine opening with characteristic notes of Turkish Delight and rose petal leading to a fragrant cherry spice, silky and seductively long palate. Ideally sipped slightly chilled with summer pudding or other berry-based desserts.

[375 ml bottle]