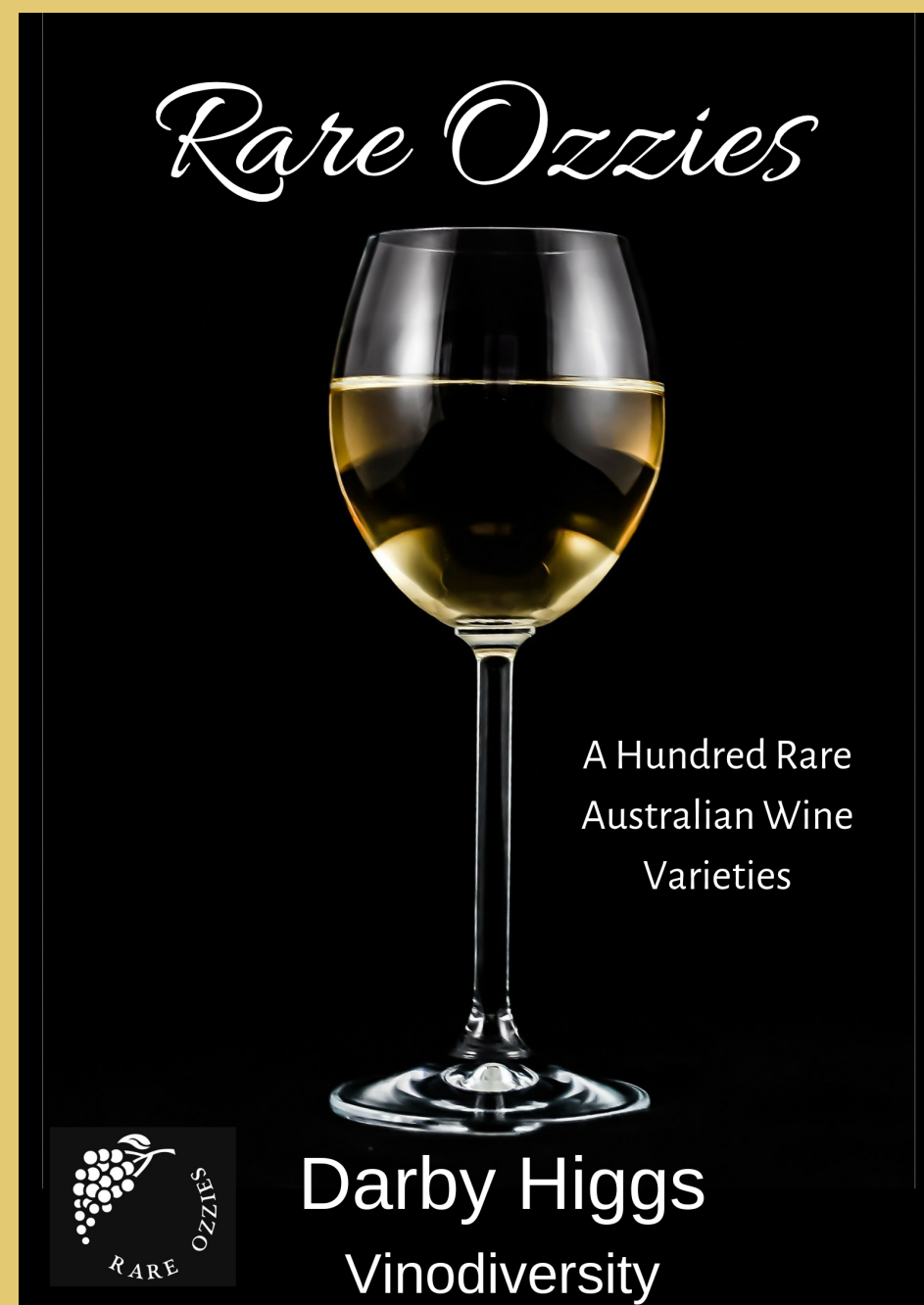


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What Rare Ozzies are taking off?



Rare Ozzies book published end of 2019

Lists of producers from my database of September 2019

Ten or less producers at start of 2019

120 varieties over 300 producers

Let's see what's happened since then

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Albarino



Known in Portugal as Alvarinho

Fifteen producers in the book, now there are nineteen

White wine variety popular in Portugal & NW Spain

Most often blended in Portugal (Vinho Verde)

Usually varietal in Spain Rias Biexas

Subject to misidentification mix up in early 2000s

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Albarino 2

In 2009 we discovered our 'Albarino' is really Savagnin.

Some Savagnin was removed but many kept it - 72 producers now

*“Albariño is a tremendous variety; we have made it in a couple of styles: our 2016 was full solid & textural (orange wine), the 2017 aromatic and unoaked”
~ Damien Tschärke*

“Albariño acclimatised perfectly to our cool Adelaide hills conditions and produced delicious fruit for our first vintage in 2018 which was awarded a Gold Medal at the Adelaide Hills wine show” ~ Judy Kelly, Artwine Estate

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Arinto



More correctly Arinto de Bucelas

Seven producers in the book, now there are seventeen

White wine variety popular in Portugal

Global plantings rose by 20% from 2010 to 2016

Now ranked 104 in the world

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Arinto 2

Late budding and ripening

Drought tolerant retains acidity in warm climates

Vigorous and adaptable

Used in blends but also as a varietal

Most important it takes delicious wines

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Arinto 3

Winemakers Comments

- *Arinto is able to survive and thrive with low irrigation and fierce heatwaves like those experienced prior to the 2019 vintage. ~Ashleigh Radcliff of Ricca Terra Wines*
- *Arinto produces large deliciously acidic bunches of medium-sized berries. It makes delicious, zingy and fresh wine admired by wine enthusiasts around the world. ~Val Bassham*
- *Our Arinto has the potential to age well given its youthful crunchy acidity and freshness with a palate of lime, lemon and grapefruit flavour and a hint of minerality. – Lynn Rathjen, Whistling Eagle*
- *Arinto is a rising star in our eyes. we feel there is a lot of potential for this variety with different winemaking techniques ~Natasha Killeen, Stanton and Killeen Wines.m*

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Mencia



Spanish red wine variety

Originally from Bierzo region of NW Spain

Known as Jaen in Portugal, Dao region

Ten Aussie producers in the book now sixteen

Olivers Taranga Australian pioneer

Often aromatic and fruity, but can be dense and heavy

Also used for Rose

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New varieties

I have found a couple of new varieties since the book was printed

***Crystal** - a white wine variety from China used for Sparkling wines by Brash Higgins of McLaren Vale*

***Rabosa Piave** - A red variety from the Veneto imported by Dell' Uva in the Barossa*

I'm sure there are more. Please let me know!

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