

FIRST RIDGE

First Ridge Marco | Mudgee



First Ridge Estate is passionate and dedicated to growing and producing the finest Italian varietals in the Mudgee region. We seek to create vibrant wines that excite the senses and bring together friends and family on any occasion and with any cuisine.

Winemaker

Our wines are made by experienced winemaker James Manners, who believes the vineyard, without exception, is the source of quality and that his job as winemaker is to understand and identify this quality and guide it thoughtfully. He is also equally passionate about Italian varieties and their suitability to our vineyard and region.

Vineyard

Our strength is in the suitability of these varietals to the unique aspect and ancient soils of our vineyard. Producing lively, yet elegant food friendly wines. The North to North/West aspect, well ventilated slope, careful management of vine canopy and fruit thinning all culminate to ensure even ripening and fruit intensity.

Winemaking

Careful barrel selections of the Barbera and Sangiovese components were made in order to blend the first release Marco. It was determined that a 50:50 blend was the perfect ratio of deep and rich blackberry fruit from the Barbera and light bright strawberry from the Sangiovese. The resultant wine displays a lovely symbiotic tension between these two classic Italian varieties.

Tasting

Deep crimson with rich dark blue and blackberry fruit. There is a freshness to the palate and vibrant berry fruit supported by a lick of vanilla from the tight grain French oak.

Alc/vol 14.0 %

Premium Italian Varietal Wines from Mudgee