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There are more than 2000 Australian wine producers crushing less than 250 tonnes and more than 420 NZ producers who fall into the same category. In fact, the vast majority of producers across the Australian and New Zealand wine landscape (84%) crush less than 250 tonnes.

And there is some excellent wine being made by the small producers. We turn the spotlight on this section of the industry.



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Small producers are hands on. This photo, from the Coonawarra Jack winery which crushes less than 100 tonnes, sums it up perfectly. Jared Stringer, the assistant winemaker, was photographed by colleague Rachel Lees.

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This 28-year-old, who has seven generations of winemaking to lean on, has instead stepped out to create his own wine brand.

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