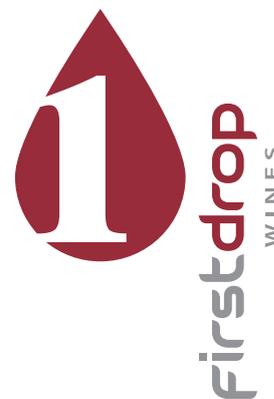


THE MATADOR

2017 Barossa Garnacha



Grab

A charismatic and flavourful red – charge your glasses!

Spiel

A flavourful wine, this Garnacha (aka Grenache) is a charismatic red with a dramatic mouthfeel. Notes of strawberries and cherries come charging in on a palate of spicy raspberry attack. Grab it by the horns!

Colour

Garnet red with purple hues

Bouquet

An intense nose of strawberries and raspberries

Palate

An explosive attack of spicy berry fruit flavours, with a hint of Turkish Delight, presented on a moorishly, textured palate.

Grub Match

Paella; Black mussels with cannellini beans; Basque stew

Cellaring

Drink up, but also a 5-8 year proposition.

Vintage

In stark contrast to the previous year, the growing season started in the middle of a wet year. Annual rainfall was 150% of the long term average, with winter rainfall at 143% and spring rainfall at 198%. The resulting wet soils, combined with a cooler than average spring and early summer meant the vines grew slowly but healthily, and flowering/set was good. With few heat spikes in January and some timely rain events in February, March heralded the beginning of an Indian summer that lasted through to late April. All these conditions lead to slow, but perfect ripening and a vintage reminiscent of 2002. 2017 may be a prime vintage in both senses of the word

Vineyard

Matthew and Jono's vineyard is at Ebenezer in the north of the Barossa - 300m above sea level on deep red clay

Vinification

The fruit is crushed/destemmed and fermented at temperatures ranging from 20-25°C for 8 days on skins. The ferment is managed by a variety of techniques, including 'aerative pump overs' and 'drain and returns' which assist in extracting colour, flavour and tannin from the grapes. At the end of fermentation, it is drained/pressed, and transferred to 3 and 4 year old French oak puncheons to undergo MLF. Post MLF, sulphur dioxide is added, and the wines mature sur lie for 8 months. Assemblage takes place at the end of this maturation period. This wine was bottled unfiltered in December 2017.

