

THE MATADOR

2019 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

A very dry winter and spring, with frost events in September and November disrupting bud burst and flowering, resulted in the lightest crops in the past decade. January and February were warm and dry, and in conjunction with the low yields, ripening was rapid. Quick decision making and early picking resulted in whites with great aromatics, and reds with great intensity and structure thanks also to the light crops and early tannin maturity. 2019 was a challenging vintage, but one of the most rewarding, with our alternative varieties showing particularly well. The overall quality is a tribute to our growers and their perseverance in a difficult growing season. We salute you!

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 in December 2019.

