

THE MATADOR

2015 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 condensed vintage with full fat flavour! A warmer than usual spring led to an early, yet even flowering and fruit set. Together with a dry season, this led to an early start to vintage despite mild conditions and welcome rainfall in January. With harvest progressing quickly, it was clear that yields were variable, but the wines showed full flavours. Low yielding BV Shiraz was rich, 'modern classical' and MV Cab was varietal and structured (reminiscent of 2005). Yields were up in Garnacha, Monastrell, EV Shiraz and Adelaide Hills, and thus looked less primary, more savoury, with good acid (reminiscent of 2002). So the upshot is we've almost got two vintages in one, with some diverse, full flavoured wines. Lap it up!

Vineyard

David's vineyard is just south of Rosedale in the south west of the Barossa – 300m above sea level on red brown clays with shale

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 2015.

