



Bink Wines

2019

'OLD MATE'

Pinot Meunier | Barossa Valley - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Pinot Meunier

Vineyard: Lawley Farm

Vine Age: 31-years-old

Soil Type: Deep, black sandy loam over clay

Viticulture: Practicing Organic

Fermentation: Native - open top stainless-steel tanks (30% whole-cluster)

Skin Contact: 16 days

Aging: 6 months in neutral French barriques

pH: 3.87

Total Acidity: 5.55 g/L

Total SO₂: 25 ppm

Total Production: 65 cases

About

Pinot Meunier is not the first grape that comes to mind when thinking of the warm enclave of the Barossa Valley. Hell, a Belgian making wine in Australia isn't commonplace either. These two oddities converged for a sub-10% alcohol liquid elixir that bursts with intense but quiet flavors. The source of this lovely wine is a small block of Meuneir amidst Shiraz and Grenache on the Lawley Farm in Krondorf. The vines were planted in 1988 and have been organically farmed since 2011. The term 'old mate' is a reference to Pinot Meunier being Koen's favorite grape to work with, hence his best friend.

The bunches were handpicked at the end of February and brought back to the winery. Nearly two-thirds of the clusters were destemmed and placed in small tanks with the remaining bunches placed intact atop the destemmed portion for fermentation. Fermentation was carried out and finished without any additions. After the juice went dry in roughly 16 days it was pressed in old French barrique for maturation. It rested quietly for six months and then the wine was racked and bottled without fining or filtration. A small 14 ppm addition of sulfur was added at bottling.

Tasting Note

Iridescent in color. Very structural and a touch peppery on the nose as the small portion of whole-clusters shows itself in a lifted manner. The palate is full of raspberry sherbet with fresh cherries topped with a splash of tonic water. It is undoubtedly Meunier, no argument here.

Reviews

Vinous | 91 points