



Noon Winery

2021

'ECLIPSE'

Red Wine | McLaren Vale - Australia



Stats

Grapes: 90% Grenache - 6% Shiraz - 4% Graciano

Vineyard: Winery Block & BJ's Block(Grenache) - Almond Block (Shiraz & Graciano)

Vine Age: 79-88-years-old (Grenache) - 19-years-old (Shiraz) - 23-years-old (Graciano)

Soil Type: Sandy loam over gravelly clay (Winery Block) - sandy gravel over clay (Almond Block)

Viticulture: Practicing biodynamic - dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native - small oak vats (33% whole-cluster Grenache)

Skin Contact: 14 days

Aging: 18 months in a mixture of 300L American hogsheads as well as 600L French demi-muids and 45hL foudres

Alcohol: 15.4%

pH: 3.72

Total Acidity: 5.1 g/L

Total SO2: 99 ppm

Total Production: 1042 cases

Reviews

Vinous | 93 points

Jancis Robinson | 16 points

About

This is the 'flagship' wine for Noon and the selection of the best estate vines. The furthest vine is less than a quarter-mile from the winery/house, thus Drew and Rae have really intimate knowledge of the vineyard annually. The Grenache comes from estate-grown bush vines that are self-rooted and were planted in 1934 and 1943! Following two years of small crops, 2021 was the vintage they had been hoping for with better yields combined with really good quality.

The fruit was hand-harvested over three-weeks starting in mid-March. The fruit was destemmed except for about 30% of the Grenache and everything was co-fermented. The fruit was placed into small open oak vats with manual punchdowns to break up the fruit and get fermentation going. After 14 days on skins the wine is pressed by hand in small basket presses with the only the free run juice being used for the wine. The wine is sent to a mixture of 300L French & American barrels as well as 600L French demi-muids and 45hL foudres. Only two new French oak 300L barrels were used for the Shiraz in the aging process with the remaining barrels being between 3-25-years-old. After 18 months the wine was blended to tank and bottled without fining or filtration and just a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

The 2021 Eclipse has a lovely perfume of fresh red currants and wild strawberries. It almost smells of summer, all exotic berries and spice. The texture is smooth and full bodied, filling every corner of your mouth.