



## Poppelvej

2022

# 'ROOKIE'

Grenache | McLaren Vale - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

### Stats

**Grapes:** 100% Grenache – Yeenunga Clone

**Vineyard:** Lot 13 Vineyard

**Vine Age:** 32-years-old

**Soil Type:** Brown, sandy loam over orange clay

**Viticulture:** Practicing organic

**Fermentation:** Native – 100% whole-cluster in one-ton stainless steel fermenters

**Skin Contact:** 2 weeks

**Aging:** 5 months in neutral French barriques - 1 month in Stainless Steel

tank

**Alcohol:** 12%

**pH:** 3.29

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~~Total Acidity: 6.89 g/L~~

**Total SO2:** 24 ppm

**Total Production:** 250 cases



### About

This is the wine if you are on the hunt for a lighter and more unique expression of Grenache that has been popularized by the vanguard of McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills young-guns.

This wine is fascinating with a fine-boned, unique perfume; a storm of amaro and crushed herb notes amongst the just ripe cherry fruit profile. It is named 'Rookie' as it was the first (and only) wine that Uffe made when they started out in 2016. The 2022 vintage, like 2021, had a mild summer without heatwave conditions. January and February saw zero days above 40°C, and these mild conditions continued into a warm autumn.

The fruit comes from the 'Lot 13 Vineyard' in Willunga right off of Hanh Road. The fruit was handpicked and fermented 100% whole-cluster with ambient yeast in small one ton fermenters. The bunches were very tight and foot stomping turned basically into a trampoline party trying to break up the berries. After two weeks on skins the wine was pressed and transferred to neutral French barriques for 5 months of aging with monthly battonage. It was racked to tank, hit with a small dose of sulfur, bottled by hand and left to age for an additional month. It was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

### Tasting Note

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This Grenache erupts with red fruit, amaro, and crushed herbs, lifted by a negroni-like edge.

Crisp tannins and bright acidity balance just-ripe red and tart white cherry. Vibrant, refreshing, and addictive.