



Some Young Punks

2020

'NAKED BY PUNKS'

Red Blend | McLaren Vale - Australia



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 85% Shiraz - 15% Mataró

Vineyard: Three sites in McLaren Vale (Shiraz) - A single site in McLaren Flat (Mataró)

Vine Age: Average: 15-years-old

Soil Type: Dark red, rich clay (Shiraz) - Light, free-draining, sandy loam (Mataró)

Viticulture: Conventional

Fermentation: Inoculated – stainless-steel (destemmed)

Skin Contact: 10-16 days

Aging: 10 months in 70% stainless-steel tanks and 30% neutral French barrique

Alcohol: 14%

pH: 3.54

Total Acidity: 7.1 g/L

Total SO₂: 87 ppm

Total Production: 1,773 cases

About

The entire world's evolution in 2020 coincided with Colin & Jen having a lot of time to think about the direction of SYP. They had wavered at times of being committed to it or putting more energy into other projects, namely the family estate of Adelina. Fortunately for all Punks fans they used the 'quiet time' of 2020 to capture new energy and gave Punks a facelift. 'Naked' remains a Shiraz & Mataró (AKA Mourvèdre) blend and again from McLaren Vale. The label captures the honest and stripped down personality of the wine. The Shiraz component comes from the same clay-rich vineyard as 'Passion'. The Mataró from light, free-draining loamy soils in McLaren Flat. Think of the new face of Punks as forbidden fruit of sorts.

The Shiraz and Mataró were primarily machine-harvested with a few older vine sites being hand-picked. The fruit was fully destemmed and lightly crushed then sent to open-top stainless-steel tanks. Fermentation occurred separately in tank using Col & Jen's affinity for yeast, specifically a selected strain that achieved the ideal vision of clean fermentation. After 10-16 days on skins the lot was pressed, with only the free run juice being used, directly to roughly two-thirds stainless-steel and one-third neutral French barriques for aging. A small addition of sulfur was added as the wines were first laid to rest and then after ten months the wine was racked and blended to tank to settle naturally. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration and just another small sulfur addition.

Tasting Note

Dark ruby. The nose is deliciously peppery and spicy with ripe red plums, black raspberries, roasted lamb with a few roasted herbs. There is great depth and complexity on the palate with a medium-bodied weight and just enough acidity to freshen things up. It is a perfect balance of savory and fruity.