

Worlds Apart

2022

'BLEWITT SPRINGS'

Grenache | McLaren Vale - Australia







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Stats

Grapes: 100% Grenache

Vineyard: Endersby Vineyard and Brini Vineyard - Blewitt Springs Vine Age: 60-80-years-old Soil Type: Ancient sand dune Viticulture: Practicing organic - dry

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Fermentation: Native – small plastic fermenters (70% whole-cluster)

Skin Contact: 10-30 days

Aging: 8 months in neutral 500L demi-

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Alcohol: 13% pH: 3.4

Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L Total SO2: 90 ppm

Total Production: 263 cases

About

Most wax poetically about the 'Pinosity' of Grenache. Rarely do wines deliver, but Louis simply nails this one in the light, crunchy expression of Grenache. It comes from Blewitt springs, between McLaren Flat and Clarendon, in the middle of the rolling hills of McLaren Vale. This area is home to a diverse array of soil types, but is most famous for its ancient sand dunes where Grenache with vine age makes stunningly perfumed, pretty and intriguing wine.

The fruit was hand-harvested and fermented almost entirely whole-bunch in small, open-top plastic fermenters. Fermentation was carried out without any manipulation and after about 5-6 days Louis did a bit of manual hand plunging to break up the berries and do a very light daily extraction. After a period ranging from 10-30 days, the lots were pressed to old French 500L barrels for maturation. The wine aged on the gross lees for eight months without any lees stirring and was then racked to tank to settle naturally. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration and just a small sulfur addition.

Tasting Note

Alluring, pinot-like aromas of fresh red flowers, cardamom dusted-red berries, and rose oil. The palate is tight and focused with zesty raspberry and bitter cherry flavors. The texture is fine with lace-like tannins.

