



2018
SANDS GRENACHE

Stats

Grapes: 97% Grenache - 3% Carignan/Cinsault/Mourvèdre
Vineyard: A single site in Williamstown
Vine Age: 95-years-old
Soil Type: Silty sand over ironstone
Viticulture: Practicing Organic
Fermentation: Native - stainless steel - 100% whole-cluster (carbonic)
Skin Contact: 4 months
Aging: 13 months in neutral 500L French puncheons
pH: 3.66
Total Acidity: 5.2 g/L
Total SO2: 19 ppm
Total Production: 166 cases

Reviews

Vinous | 93 points
The Wine Front | 93 points

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Grenache | Barossa Valley - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



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About

Gnarly, old Grenache vines with concentrated, low yields + the magic 'Geyer touch' of early picking & less is more winemaking makes for the emblematic take on Grenache. Dave adores the suppleness and fineness that Grenache can demonstrate from the 'right' sites in the Barossa. This Williamstown district, 90+-year-old vineyard defines that character. It is a 2.5 acre plot at 1,000 feet in elevation sloping down to a creek with silty and sandy soil sitting atop chunks of ironstone, bringing needed structure and mineral drive to the finished product. The vineyard has a few random plantings of Cinsault, Carignan and Mourvèdre that are co-fermented with the Grenache.

The fruit was picked in early March in primo condition with delicious berries with a fine line of acid splitting them. It was handpicked and fermented entirely whole-cluster in one-ton fermenters with a little bit of dry ice and the lid clamped down to minimize pre-ferment oxidization. Both primary and secondary fermentation carried out naturally and over a four month period. It was then pneumatically and foot pressed into neutral 500L French puncheons where the wine aged for 13 months.

Tasting Note

Raspberry, earth and leather on the nose, with hints of dried spices and dried fruits. Aromatic and precise in the mouth, showing drive and salinity to the bright red fruit and earthy flavors. Finishes with structured but in essence light tannins and subtle lingering perfume.