



Worlds Apart

2023

'BLUE EYES'

Gamay | Adelaide Hills - Australia



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Gamay

Vineyard: Eureka Vineyard

Vine Age: Planted early 2000s,
grafted in 2018

Soil Type: Ironstone and quartz over
clay

Viticulture: Sustainable - practicing
organic

Fermentation: Native — open-top
fermenter (100% whole-cluster)

Skin Contact: 13 days

Aging: 8 months in neutral oak

Alcohol: 12.8%

pH: 3.41

Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L

Total SO2: 50 ppm

Total Production: 285 cases

Reviews

James Suckling | 91 points

The Wine Front | 92 points

About

Gamay is on the rise in Australia, particularly in the Adelaide Hills. The fruit comes from Sam's Eureka Vineyard in Woodside, an old gold mine with lots of quartz. After extensive work in the vineyard with a focus on reducing yields, Louis and Hannah were able to make a wine that shows tremendous concentration and complexity in a medium bodied frame. 'Blue Eyes' refers to Louis and Hannah's daughter, Zoe, who was born in 2020 with blue eyes, despite neither of her parents having them. They have an electric brightness that lights up your mood just like this ethereally beautiful Gamay.

From vines planted in the early 2000s and regrafted in 2018, the Gamay is brought into the cellar to ferment spontaneously open-top fermenters. The fermentation regime is all over the map for this wine: the 2021 vintage was entirely de-stemmed, 2022's regime was a mix of whole bunch, de-stemmed, and extended carbonic maceration, and now in 2023, Louis went 100% whole-cluster. The wine spent 13 days on its skins before being pressed off to neutral oak before where it rested for 8 months. It was then bottled without fining or filtering, and just a small sulfur addition.

Tasting Notes

A delicately balanced wine this vintage, with red cherry and potpourri notes, a hint of black pepper, and a lingering finish of freshly tilled earth and subtle saline qualities.