



Dandelion Vineyards

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Moonrise Kingdom McLaren Vale Shiraz Grenche Petite Sirah 2023

The Moonrise Kingdom is Dandelion's vibrant playground...



Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vineyards and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our old vine gardens with the finest traditions of artisan winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

Capturing variety, vintage and vineyard requires an enlightened approach and although our growers see the Devil in every weed, we encourage the humble Dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds, provide mulch in summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

This wine is composed of 65% Shiraz, 20% Grenache and 15% Petite Syrah. These three varieties come from our Firehawk Farm vineyard in McLaren Vale. Our vineyard is perched atop an ancient ridge overlooking McLaren Vale, the Willunga Escarpment and the Gulf of St Vincent. Firehawk is our Native Bird of Prey that soars over our vineyards acting as scarecrows to other birds, rabbits and the like that eat ripening grapes.

The vineyard is handpicked by family and friends in early March. We gently crushed the fruit from the individual varieties into top fermenters. After 10 days of fermentation, the wine was basket pressed into French oak barrels, a third new and the balance seasoned. This was followed by 12 months maturation with minimal winemaking artefact before bottling, to capture the essence of the vineyard. The blend represents the vineyard's bounty of the 2023 vintage. This wine will reward cellaring and decanting.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Black-purple-black. Repeat loop. Opaque rim edge.

Nose

Confectionery and tar; dark plums fresh and dark plums stewed. Laurel trees in Spring and liqueur chocolates at midnight. At each sniff a waft of the grape varieties' aromatics and a whiff of the winemaking and oak bouquet - but just, just, a whiff. Black fruits dark and brooding.

Palate

Savoury, and smoothly textural. Shyly opulent with a mid-palate of suddenly materialising powdery tannins. Those dark and more brooding black fruit flavours flood through. Acidity remains present at every sip and step of the way. Finishes dry. A naive knowingness and a natural, unlearned nobility.

Drink

Smoked pork hock and bean stew with too much smoked paprika in the winter. Or tripe cooked for hours in the southern French manner with chick peas. Chill in warmer weather with barbecued vegetables.

Specifics

Composition: 65% Shiraz, 20%

Grenache, 15% Petite Syrah

Alcohol: 14.5%

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