



Red Queen of the Eden Valley Shiraz 2022

Dandelion Vineyards

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One ancient site of Eden Valley is Dandelion Vineyard's Red Queen...



Background

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

Our founder & winemaker Elena Brooks crowned Colin Kroehn's Eden Valley Shiraz Vineyard as our Red Queen whose age, altitude, aspect and slope are key. Colin tended his beloved Shiraz for almost all of his 90 years and our Red Queen is made entirely from his vineyard. Planted in 1912, on a south facing slope of limestone bed rock with loamy sands absolutely laden with quartzite, the vineyards survives to this day. The rocky outcrops of quartz are spectacularly coloured with ironstone streaks, and sit over a c.1600 million year old Barossa Complex basement of gneiss and schist.

Elena's 14th vintage of Red Queen was hand harvested & sorted on April 19th, partially crushed gently to ferment ambiently & openly for 10 days, thrice plunged by hand, before basket pressing into half new & half one year old French Oak Barriques to finish fermentation. Two and a half years maturation and a racking in the same oak, unfined or filtered capturing Elena's Red Queen to reward cellaring and decanting. Thank you to Mr. Kroehn & family.

Wish you were here...

Zar Brooks, *Typist*

Elena Brooks, *BSc (Oenology) Adelaide, Winemaker*

Tasting Notes

Colour

Dark black purple with flashes of violet and an hypnotizing indigo.

Nose

Dark just-ripe plums straight from the tree; hints of rich freshly turned sods, moss, blueberry, rose petals and an outlier of faint oak's savoury spice. Liqueur chocolate with musk and nutmeg are then aerosolized and a pure, measured hedonism is realised by the barest Troy Ounce. A phantom.

Palate

It is the keen and persistent, rail-like acid structure of this fine red wine that enables all of its opulence and generosity to shine rather than to blind. A savoury fruit profile highlights dark berry and blackberry flavours. There is mint and mulberry, black cherry and blackcurrant, pepper and plum. The palate is also attractively grainy, with that aforementioned acidity carrying a very long and drying finish.

Drink

Open this bottle of wine at breakfast. Take a small glass at luncheon with your sandwich or "street food" (whatever that is...). Drink the rest over dinner with a certain number of dinner companions. Do this next Friday, as long as the weather is proper. The very very subtle change in the wine from midday to 8pm will convince you of this wine's cellar potential, and the Eden Valley's deft, elegant power.

Winemaker

Elena Brooks, *BSc (Oenology) Adelaide*

Specifics

Composition: 100% Shiraz

Latitude 34°38'10" South

Longitude 139°05'30" East

Altitude 1441 Feet = 440 Meters

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