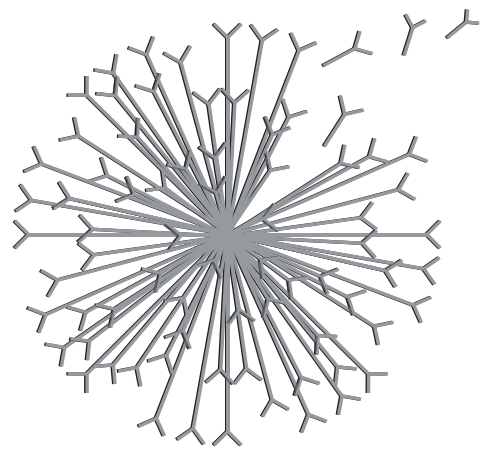




Lion's Tooth of McLaren Vale Shiraz Riesling 2024

Dandelion Vineyards
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Lion's Tooth is a long forgotten but timeless Australian blend rejuvenated...



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 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.

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 and make our wish come true.

Whole bunches from our most distinctive Shiraz from the Pieri family's Vineyard were hand harvested in the second week of March and fermented on stalks in open fermenters on top of some Riesling skins for eleven days, hand plunged twice a day, before careful basket pressing into some new but predominantly older French Oak Barriques to finish fermentation and enhance the wine's perfume and palate.

After 16 months maturation and a racking in the same oak, we bottled this Lion's Tooth with minimal winemaking artefact, to capture the essence of the vineyard.

Dandelion Vineyard's Lion's Tooth is ready to drink and will reward cellaring and decanting.

Vale Signore Mario Pieri, Vintage 1946-2011, winery big boss.

Wish you were here...

Elena Brooks, BSc (Oenology)
Adelaide Winemaker
Zar Brooks, Typist & tba

Tasting Notes

Colour

Purple, garnet; bright, yet deep.

Nose

Sarsaparilla, plums just ripe, cola nuts; there are blackberries, quite heightened and aromatic. Raspberries and green herbs - think of thyme and tarragon. The waft of a bay leaf and the bare waft of an oak barrel, but an oak barrel somewhere over the rainbow...

Palate

This is round and chewy - a giving red wine. And yet it also shows an understanding acidity affording restraint. Deeper darker plum fruit flavours from shiraz are immediately elevated, and freshened by the tiny 6% of riesling in the blend. The riesling really does take the wine to a more ethereal level, without entirely emasculating shiraz's brutish charm.

Drink

Shiraz blended with riesling? A proud South Australian tradition going back many years, and now revived in this modern interpretation. As happy served with a weisswurst sausage as with a pickled herring. Quite comfortable with a Cantonese beef dish, too.

Specifics

Composition: 94% Shiraz, 6% Riesling

Alcohol: 14.5%

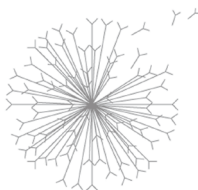
TA: 6.07 g/L

pH: 3.58

Latitude 35°13'44" South

Longitude 138°33'13" East

Altitude 281 = 86 Metres



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