



**Dandelion Vineyards**  
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## Faraway Tree of McLaren Vale Grenache 2022

Our Firehawk Farm is our finest McLaren Vale Vineyard



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### 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.

Our Faraway Tree of McLaren Vale Grenache is a single vineyard 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 soar over our vineyards acting as scarecrows to other birds, rabbits and the like that eat ripening grapes.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in early March. We gently crushed half of the fruit over whole bunches into open 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 18 months maturation with minimal winemaking artefact before bottling, to capture the essence of the vineyard.

The wine will reward cellaring and decanting.

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Zar Brooks, Typist & tba,

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### Tasting Notes

#### Colour

Textural red and maroon with a light rim edge.

#### Nose

Lifted grenache aromaticity: blueberry, mulberry and rose petals; perfumed with liquorice and plum; white pepper and spice, notably nutmeg and cinnamon. Swirling and swirling savoury smells bring extra attraction and intelligence.

#### Palate

Gripping and textural is this red wine as it travels across and along your palate. It is a broad and Rhone-ish grenache, with clean and long acidity keeping everything fresh and dangerously drinkable. Flavours - as aromatics - run the full grenache gamut, from blackberries to black pepper, from boiled lollies and cherries to spicy, savoury meatiness. It is a perfumed wine with just enough earthiness and acidity to bring balance to the myriad berries and fruits. The overall effect is, well, it is, grenache, here, in McLaren Vale

#### Drink

Grenache made in this open, transparent, giving, yet serious and grown-up way has two things that cannot be ignored: fruit and deftness. So think about your spice palate and anything from Spain or the south of France that might be described as an exaggerated dish of food. Cook it. Use pimenton smoked, use chilli flakes sparingly, use fennel, use star anise, use vinegar, use too much garlic. Grenache as it is here, living and breathing, will be at home.

#### Specifics

Composition: 100% Grenache

Alcohol: 14.3%

TA 6.06 g/L

pH: 3.57