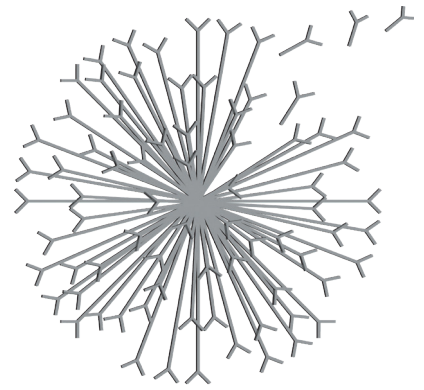




Dandelion Vineyards

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March Hare of the Barossa Mataro 2022

The March Hare knows quality fruit when making a mad dash for Mataro



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.

At the end of our old vine garden path there is a historic 'March Hare of the Barossa' Mataro vineyard at Tam and Jessie Auricht's near Marananga in the Barossa. The March Hare Vineyard is also ideal at attracting wildlife, including hares who from the first colour in the grapes madly attack the fruit from March onwards and from all directions.

After hand picking selected bunches of our March Hare of the Barossa in the last week of March our winemaker Elena Brooks let the whole bunches ferment together in open top fermenters with ambient or 'other peoples' yeasts and hand plunging for 14 days, before basket pressing into some new but majority old French and American oak barriques to then mature for a further 20 months in the same oak before bottling with minimal winemaking artifact to capture the essence of the vineyard - its time and place, a wish come true and a looking glass, if you will and will reward cellaring and decanting.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Dark-purple and alive; no dressed-up Dracula death here. Deep but bright..

Nose

Liqueur chocolate and ripe berries - black and dark. Nutmeg and cinnamon hint at the oak's bouquet, but just. Fruit aromaticity is heightened and lifted: green tobacco leaf, bay leaf, blueberry - and all as much berried as it is dry. Barossan mataro.

Palate

An agreeable acidic profile stretches this strong red wine out towards an infinite horizon. This brings finesse. The undeniable fruit depth of dark berries upon drying, darker berries provides texture and width. Spices, pepper, musk, nutmeg, and then a sweet and sour quality... Damson plum and mulberry contribute to the palate's palette. It makes for an effortless mouthful of forthright red wine.

Drink

And as such this is a red wine that fights back in the nicest possible way. It has a strength yet a harmony that is beautifully absurd. If one were to be in a louche mood, have the bottle with a hamburger; if being more culturally refined try a bean stewed with a pork hock.

Specifics

Composition: 100% Mataro

Alcohol: 14.5%

Latitude 34°37'27" South

Longitude 138°52'35" East

Altitude 751 Feet = 229 Metres

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