

## Dandelion Vineyards

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## Damsel of the Barossa Merlot 2022

Dandelion's Damsel is always our best old vine Barossa Merlot



### 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.

Sourced from our old vine Barossa vineyard, these ancient, gnarled vines are not only surviving but thriving on their own roots in some of the oldest soils on the planet.

In March we hand harvested whole bunches of flavour ripe Merlot to be gently crushed and naturally fermented in open fermenters for eight days, hand plunged twice a day, before careful basket pressing into older French Oak Barriques to finish fermentation.

After 20 months maturation and a racking in the same oak, we bottled without filtration or fining to capture the essence of the vineyard and although ready to drink this Damsel will reward cellaring and decanting.

#### **Wish you were here...**

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

### Tasting Notes

#### **Colour**

Red-black and purple by candlelight; brighter at luncheon.

#### **Nose**

Primary merlot aromatics of plum, tomato and blueberry. Tobacco and spice creep in, then the aromatic and bouquet amalgam of cured meats, dates, pastrami, and smoked hock bones. Oak's bouquet is never too extroverted, however; indeed, it is gentle and helping, like flowers in Winter, to borrow from the old Russian phrase.

#### **Palate**

Tension and texture and powdery tannins sweep across and along your palate. Acidity extenuates the sense of length, but then comes a powerful yet polite fruit depth. Reduced red and black berries are at the core, which both propels and draws flavour and interest. Integrated, savoury, but giving; restful yet vital. The fruit flavours ring like a soft, distant bell.

#### **Drink**

In a perfect world this is Autumn red wine to be used to entertain scaloppine. However you understand that. Scaloppine. Veal for preference, but chicken or turkey are both popular and even acceptable in those Italian homes that are not some sort of pastiche of Italian life...

Composition: 100% Merlot

Alcohol: 14%

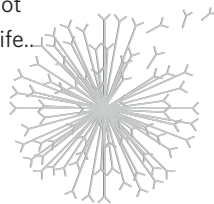
TA: 6.88g/L

pH: 3.35

Latitude 34°36'53" South

Longitude 138°53'25" East

Altitude 649 = 198 Metres



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