



Dandelion Vineyards

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Red Queen of the Eden Valley Shiraz 2021

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 20th, 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, unfinned or filtered capturing Elena's Red Queen to reward cellaring and decanting. Thank you to Mr. Kroehn & family.

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Zar Brooks, *Typist*

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

Tasting Notes

Colour

Brooding, dark, purple and black. Intense and indefatigable in its depth of colour.

Nose

Aromatics of determined blackberry, then a whiff - just - of oakspice; then bay leaf and peppercorns freshly crushed, such as green, pink, and Schezuan. The nose swirls, almost uncontrollably. Graphite, pen ink, quartz, and earth and moss. Deft, understated barrel use underscores the purity of the fruit in a way that entices and applauds.

Palate

Richly textured but yet neatly hemmed, more tailored than strewn. Dark and black berry fruits are intense, and they unfold and embrace as the wine travels from sip to sipped. Indeed, this is a red wine that is more a verb in transition than a noun stuck fast. With further attention the deep dark fruit flavours become diving-bell like. The result is the pure essence of Eden Valley's shiraz. The fruit flavours agree with the emerging and fine tannins; there's plushness, no doubt, but a tannic length to counterbalance the argument. Acidity keeps the fruit fresh, too.

Drink

Roast Leg of Goat, or a slow-wet-roasted Shank of Wallaby - Australia's most underrated meat. Decant this wine twice before serving, and keep a glass over to try the next day, as if you were conducting a scientific experiment.

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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