



Dandelion Vineyards
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Lion's Tooth of McLaren Vale
Shiraz Riesling 2022

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

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Elena Brooks, BSc (Oenology)
Adelaide Winemaker

Zar Brooks, Typist & tba

Tasting Notes

Colour

Eye-catching purple-violet and black.

Nose

Heightened and lifted plummy Shiraz. Aromaticity in a glass. Blueberry and blackberry; eucalyptus, cherry and star anise. With just 6% riesling in the blend, can one detect the aromatics of this most aromatic white grape? Yes, and no. But its contribution is in that lifted and captivating smell. One would notice it not because it is there, but if it were not there

Palate

Pertness and lightness! This is red wine that glides across your palate. Once it does, you all too quickly have another sip, and then the wine starts to unfold: texture, grip, tannin, a gentle fruit weight and a subtle fruit depth. At palate's end there is a friendly chewiness and a muted robustness, reminding you of shiraz's wonderful warmth and appeal. And perked up by that dash of Riesling...

Drink

Ideally suited to tripe cooked in the southern French manner with capers and cornichons and a touch of saffron. Handy with Deviled Kidneys on Toast, too. The riesling's touch gives this wine menu versatility, however, so dare to be bold.

Specifics

Composition: 94% Shiraz, 6% Riesling

Alcohol: 13.8%

TA: 6.37 g/L

pH: 3.55

Latitude 35°13'44" South

Longitude 138°33'13" East

Altitude 281 = 86 Metres

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