

Dandelion Vineyards

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March Hare of the Barossa Mataro 2020

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.

Dandelion Vineyards March Hare of the Barossa is a wine from Tam and Jessie Auricht's vineyard near Marananga, Barossa, ideal for Mataro or Mourvedre as it is also known. 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.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in the last week of March and gently crushed into open top fermenters. After 14 days fermentation the wine was then basket-pressed into older French oak barriques for 20 months maturation and then bottled without filtration or fining, to capture the essence of the vineyard and will reward cellaring and decanting.

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Zar Brooks, *Typist & tba*,
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Adelaide Winemaker

Tasting Notes

Colour

Purple and deep; faintly grainy and glass-staining.

Nose

Raisins, dark chocolates (the expensive ones), violets, rose essence, aniseed and toasted fennel seeds, plums and ripe blackberries. Here is a melding of plentiful fruit aromatics and background oak spice and musk. Heightened and lifted. Exotic.

Palate

Textural yet tight; blanketing but precise. Broad, grainy fruits and berries roll alongside a gentle swell of soft tannins. There is chalkiness and minerality; this is a dry red wine, but there lurks a plushness. A gentle giant - with that precision acidity keeping all the earthy and ripe component parts just so. Balanced. More please...

Drink

This wine's line and length make it versatile when it comes to luncheon. Spicy chorizo, olives and some manchego. Or with it's evenly keeled richness try some duck in the manner of Szechuan. A red wine as comfortable with mild chilli and spice as it is with opinionated guests.

Specifics

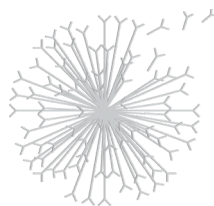
Composition: 100% Mataro

Alcohol: 14.5%

Latitude 34°37'27" South

Longitude 138°52'35" East

Altitude 751 Feet = 229 Metres



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