



Dandelion Vineyards

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Lion's Roar of Barossa Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Our Lion's Roar gives voice to Barossa big game Cabernet



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 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 the summer, and proffer their Wishing Clocks in spring to blow off to make our wish come true.

Our Lion's Roar of Barossa Cabernet comes from old vines planted between Seppeltsfield Road and Marananga in the Barossa, on ancient red soils and rocks ideal for Cabernet encouraging tight-skinned small berries to 'populate or perish'.

Selected bunches were hand picked by family and friends in April and gently crushed into open top fermenters. After 12 days fermentation the wine was then basket pressed into 30% new French Oak Barriques and aged for 14 months thereafter. Made with minimal winemaking artefact before bottling to capture the essence of the vineyard and will reward cellaring and decanting.

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

Tasting Notes

Colour

Black, dark-purple intensity.

Nose

Eucalypt and vineyard track dust aromatics leap up before the more rounded, judicious French Oak bouquet brings a neat balance. Hints of black olives, spice, bay leaf, soy, musk and pastrami make for an exotic, enticing mix.

Palate

Big, round, furry tannins envelop multitudinous clusters of liquorice and ripe blackberry, the plush fruits balancing the necessitous tannic gruffness. There is an intensity and a coolness to the black fruit flavours and textures which, along with background acidity, keeps the wine in parade-ground order - an attitude which cabernet both needs and likes. This is a big mouthful of red wine, yet it finishes very dry and lingeringly, never losing its cabernet definition. Friendly, satisfying yet upright and mannered.

Drink

Decant twice or open the morning before dinner, as voluminous cabernet's invariably demand. Being a brooding yet inviting red wine, nothing sings a duet with it better than a homemade pork sausage. Add some truffled mash potato, and a few roasted vegetables, or even ratatouille - if you are prepared to abandon all etiquette and serve a Provencal dish with a Bordelais grape variety... This, I'm afraid, is the world we live in now..

Winemaker Elena Brooks, *BSc*
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Specifics

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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