



Dandelion Vineyards
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Menagerie of the Barossa
Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2022

The aristocratic blend of luxury, curiosity and whimsy



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.

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At the end of our old vine garden path there is a historic 'Menagerie' of three grape varieties, adjoining blocks of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro off Seppeltsfield Road in the Barossa. After hand picking selected bunches of our Menagerie field blend in the fourth week of March our winemaker Elena Brooks let the whole bunches ferment together in open top fermenters with ambient or 'other people's' yeasts and hand plunging for 14 days, before basket pressing into old French Oak barriques, to then mature for a further 12 months in the same oak, before bottling with minimal winemaking artifact, to capture the essence of our vinous Menagerie of the Barossa.

This vintage of our Menagerie of the Barossa has a high level of natural acidity, and bone dry, it is ménage à trois that makes wine truly of its time and place, a wish come true and a looking glass, if you will, and although ready to drink immediately it will also reward cellaring and decanting.

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

Tasting Notes

Colour
Crushed velvet and black velour.

Nose
Dark chocolate and liquorice; ripe plums picked at dawn. Musk, fennel, aniseed, rose petals crushed in a small child's hand. Salts and minerals wrought wistfully from the earth. Deep and dark fruit aromatics that never-the-less cannot but help display a late summer's playfulness.

Palate
Plush but pert fruit flavours; textural in feel, but long in length. This is giving red wine with an unhesitant acid keel. The fruit flavours are luxurious: cherry, plum and musk; then the faint tannic texture of pear skin rights everything. A sweet and sour finish, as if there was an open bottle of sherry vinegar somewhere in the room. This wine finishes with a mineral quality - all those washing and running savoury tannins.

Drink
Try this versatile red wine with homemade falafel, some garlic and yoghurt dip, and a few grilled merguez sausages. Grenache's fruit, shiraz's earth, and mataro's depth will make everything sing. The Barossa meets the Barbary Coast.

Specifics
Composition: 73% Grenache, 19% Shiraz, 8% Mataro.
Alcohol 14.0%
Latitude 34°32'33" South
Longitude 138°53'25" East
Altitude 281 Feet = 86 Metres

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