



SMALL BATCH



2020

GRENACHE

Grenache has often been touted as the elegant red of the Clare Valley. An aromatic variety, Grenache has layers of flavours bound within the fruit. The practice of whole bunch fermentation has enjoyed a renaissance with aromatic varieties in cooler climates, used to add structure and freshness to the wine. This practice was applied to our Clare Grenache to lift the structure and aroma with the fresh and natural acidity of the rachis (stems).

To further this expression of fruit and location, the whole bunches were lightly foot stomped in the picking bins and left to commence fermentation naturally. This wild fermentation from the indigenous yeast in the vineyard added a complexing and unique impact on the wine. The low extraction of very lightly pressing with the rachis in place, limited the yields, but also limited the extraction of seed and hard pressing tannins.

This wine is the result of a number of years of trials, fermenting small single batches of Grenache across a range of whole bunch ratios. It was determined that only when fully committing to the 'whole bunch' style did the true beauty and balance shine through.

PLACE

Clare Valley - Watervale.



NOSE

Ripe red cherry, rose petal and sage

PALATE

Bright red berries and cherries, with hints of sweet spice and liquorice give way to charcuterie and subtle oak characteristics on the long, clean finish.

GRAPE VARIETY

Grenache.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Sourced from young vines on our Morrison vineyard in Watervale, the grapes were hand-picked and delivered straight to the winery on the opposing hillside. Taken from the outside rows of this single vineyard, this fruit showed bright flavours due to the additional sunlight during ripening.

WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14.0%
Acidity:	5.6 g/L

WINEMAKING

100% of the batch was whole bunch fermented, and spent 7 days on skins and stems with daily foot-stomping. The wine was then basket pressed into barrel where fermentation took a further 12 days to complete. A short barrel maturation in large format oak helped to retain the vibrant primary fruit flavours and aromatics, while adding depth and complexity to the wine.

PEAK DRINKING

Now until 2023

WINEMAKERS

Peter Warr & Kirby Graudins

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