

HEAD WINES *of the Barossa Valley*

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2012 HEAD 'Old Vine' Grenache – Krondorf, Barossa Valley



The best parcel of Grenache in 2012 came from a 68 year old vineyard in Krondorf on red to brown clays. Green harvested before veraison by 50% and shoot thinned to ensure ultimate quality of the grapes at time of harvest. Split hand-picked at 14% and 15% potential alcohol over a week. 15% whole-bunch, no crushing or temperature control, natural yeasts, hand plunged and foot trodden twice daily for 3 weeks. Racked once during élevage of 12 months in 3 year old 500L puncheons and a small addition of old vine Shiraz for balance. Here the Grenache flirts with Burgundy rather than Rhone in its colour, texture and finesse. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered under stelvin capsule.

Deep crimson red with brilliant clarity, poise, almost shimmering in the glass. Aromas of fresh red cherries and fruit spice, aniseed, cured meat and forrest floor. Barely medium bodied in extract with sweet, textural red fruit flavours & lingering sweet chewy mouthwatering tannins. Great persistence and length of flavour here. Pork or Gamey meats will suit. Drink now or up to 15 years. 14.5% Alcohol.

Gold Medal 2013 Barossa Wine Show.