

## **2021 HEAD RED**

## Grenache

**BAROSSA** 



Sourced from two very special Grenache vineyards grown and picked specifically for bottling as a straight Grenache (not a GSM).

The 2021 vintage was mild in every manner, mainly due to La Nina. Grenache did not achieve high sugars like the previous three vintages and this has given us the opportunity to make a straight varietal HEAD RED Grenache (well almost).

The first vineyard was planted in 1970 on the Biscay soils of Bethany. It is spur-pruned, shoot-thinned and bunch-thinned for quality. The second vineyard is 1968 planted bush-vines from Nuriootpa on red-clay over sand. Both are hand picked and we ferment with about 10% whole bunches. 9 months in French hogsheads and a splash of 1968 planted Mataro make this wine utterly delicious and ready for immediate consumption. Lightly chill. *Alex Head* 

Gary Walsh The Wine Front



"Bright and crunchy style. Raspberry, raspberry frog, a bit of spice, dried herb, roses and leaf. Medium-bodied, plenty of raspberry juiciness, light emery tannin, discreet earthiness and a fresh but jubey finish of moderate length. It can be enjoyed young, though I think it will be better with another year or so in bottle. Charming."



RAINFALL:	461ml (April 20-March 21 avg. 465ml)
VINEYARD:	Bethany (300m), Nuriootpa (280m) Farmed sustainably using organic principles
VARIETAL:	95% Grenache, 5% Mataro
VINE AGE:	50+ years
SOIL/ROCK:	Biscay, red-clay & sand
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 34hl/h
PRODUCTION:	500+ cases
VINIFICATION:	Handpicked fruit, 10% whole bunch, warm ferment
BOTTLING:	November 21, minimal So2
ACIDITY:	5.0g/l
ALCOHOL:	13.5% g/f: 0.5g/l