



## THREE HILLS

# GRENACHE SHIRAZ MATARO

### Background:

These are three great red varieties that hail from the Rhone between Avignon and Macon. They all ripen very late in the season and each grape can make a varietal wine that will stand alone.

Grenache is light in character with pronounced raspberry and cherry aromatics and a noticeably soft finish.

Mataro is very late ripening. It is sometimes called Mourvedre and in other parts Monastrell. It too can be aromatic and generous in constitution.

Shiraz needs no introduction to Australians except that one should remember that it is a chameleon that is capable of many expressions.

The decision to blend these grapes is not really a question of improving one with the other but of creating a new taste experience that is independent of the individual components. A small amount of Grenache and Mataro can quite dramatically change the profile of a Shiraz and vice versa.

Consumers have become aware of the blend of the three and the blend is possibly better accepted by some drinkers than the stand alone components.

Our GSM is different to anything that you might have tasted under this designation before because of the place it is grown. Our Grenache expresses vibrant raspberry flavours, excellent colour and good depth. It is easily a standalone proposition but on the lighter side. The addition of Shiraz and Mataro stiffens the argument.



### Current Release: 2016 Vintage

#### Viticultural & vinification notes

<b>VINTAGE CONDITIONS</b>	A great vintage for Grenache in Southern Margaret River with moderate temperatures throughout ripening.	
<b>VINEYARD</b>	Three Hills Hand pruned to rods Hand picked	
<b>GRAPE VARIETY</b>	Grenache 62% Shiraz 31% and Mataro 7%	
<b>MATURATION</b>	A combination of older French oak puncheons and barriques.	
<b>WINE ANALYSIS</b>	Alc/Vol:	14.2%
	Acidity:	6.0g/l
	pH:	3.59
	Residual Sugar:	< 0.1 g/l

#### Winemaker Mark Warren's comments

<b>COLOUR</b>	Red with a cherry red hue.
<b>NOSE</b>	An attractive aroma of ripe cherry, cherry cola, blueberry, purple jubes and Ribena with slight forest floor, dried herb and plum skin.
<b>PALATE</b>	A medium bodied wine with rich red fruits, black cherry, raspberry and green plum flavours with hints of mulberry, coffee and olive. The palate is soft with fine velvety tannin and a persistent cherry aftertaste.

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