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# WAXING LYRICAL MATARO A.D. 2019

## PRODUCTION:

25% LIENERT 'CLARE CLONE' +  
25% LIENERT 'HANISCH CLONE'  
+ 25% LIENERT 'KOCH CLONE' &  
25% SONNTAG 'LINDNER CLONE'  
MATARO.

## COLOUR

BRIGHT CHERRY RED

## NOSE

SPICY BRIGHT RED BERRY  
FRUITS OVER BLACK CURRANTS  
AND VIOLETS CURLED SEDUC-  
TIVELY AROUND A CORE OF  
WELL TANNED LEATHER CHAPS...

## PALATE

ROUND SUMMER RED AND  
BLACK FRUIT INTERWOVEN  
WITH SPICY VARIETALS AND  
GREAT ACID BALANCE. LIGHT  
GRIPPY TANNINS BALANCE THE  
FRUIT WHILE FIRM ACID  
CLEANSES THE MOUTH FOR THE  
NEXT SIP. ITS A COMPLEX AND  
LITHE WINE THAT DISPLAYS THE  
WONDERFUL POTENTIAL IN THIS  
VARIETY AND AROMATIC LIGHT-  
NESS SOMETIMES MISSING IN  
WINES FROM THE BAROSSA.

THE 2019 'WAXING LYRICAL' IS A MATARO CRAFTED FROM EQUAL PORTIONS OF FOUR DIFFERENT CLONES OF MATARO. THREE OF THE CLONES WERE GROWN BY JOHN LIENERT (THE CLARE, HANISCH AND KOCH CLONES) AND A QUARTER BY PETER SONNTAG (HIS MATARO PLANTINGS WERE SOURCED FROM OLD VINES THAT WERE ORIGINALLY PLANTED IN THE LANGMEIL AREA BY THE LINDNER FAMILY AND SADLY WERE LOST TO HOUSING IN THE LATE 90S).

IN 2019 I PICKED ALL OF THE LIENERT BLOCKS ON THE SAME DAY AND FOLLOWED WITH THE SONNTAG LINDNER CLONE THE NEXT DAY. ONCE THE FERMENTERS HAD BEEN LAID OUT ON THE 'SLAB', THE MUST WAS CAREFULLY HAND PLUNGED THREE TIMES A DAY, ENSURING THE WHOLE BERRIES WERE PRESERVED WHILST THE CAP WAS WELL TURNED OVER. THIS PROCESS TOOK PLACE UNTIL THE FERMENT STOPPED CAPPING (20 DAYS OF ACTIVE FERMENT). AFTER BASKET PRESSING EACH PARCEL WAS FILLED WITH FULL SOLIDS TO SEASONED OAK HOGSHEADS FOR 12 MONTHS AGING. THIS WINE WAS MADE WITH THE PHILOSOPHY OF MINIMAL INTERVENTION AS THE GUIDING PRINCIPAL, AND APART FROM MINIMAL SULFUR DIOXIDE FOR PRESERVATION AND A LITTLE TARTARIC ACID FOR BALANCE IS FREE FROM ADDITIONS OR FINING AND HAS BEEN 'BOTTLED' WITHOUT FILTRATION. THE 2019 'WAXING LYRICAL MATARO IS A REMARKABLY DELICIOUS EXAMPLE (IF I DON'T SAY SO MYSELF) OF THE LIFTED LYRICAL NATURE OF THIS DELICIOUS VARIETY.

MATARO: OVERLOOKED RE-DISCOVERED EXCITED POTENTIAL STRIVING  
LEARNING CHALLENGE QUEST RE-EXAMINE TRAVEL RELAXING FLOWING  
SEEING BELIEVING REWARDING SUN-KISSED EARTHY WARMING GLISTEN  
OPTIMISM COLOURS VIBRATE REAWAKENS SILKY  
LIGHT-TOUCH DEWED-BROW SWEET SAVORY PERFUMED REBIRTH FUTURE  
OPTIMISM WELCOME OLD-THOUGHT NEW-THINK HAPPENING HAPPENED  
- SATISFIED DELICIOUS