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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.

WAXING LYRICAL MATARO A.D. 2020

THE 2020 '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 2020 I PICKED ALL OF THE MATARO BLOCKS ON THE SAME 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 (14-16 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 2020 '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