



MARION VINEYARD

GRENACHE SHIRAZ ADELAIDE 2016

Our Family Range reflects the progression of the Patritti business since its establishment in 1926. The single vineyard wines showcase our founder's understanding of the importance of terroir through the selection and subsequent purchase of these sites.

When Giovanni Patritti arrived in Australia in 1925 he decided the Marion district was the perfect place to grow grapes and set up his family wine business. Only a few tiny vineyards remain; the most significant of these is the world famous, council owned, Marion Vineyard. Over 110 years old, the vineyard is a reminder of the history of the district and the quality of the produce it was famous for. In 2006 the City of Marion decided that the last operational winery in the district, Patritti, should be given the responsibility of caring for the vineyard. We take our custodianship of this precious vineyard with great pride.

VINEYARD

The city of Marion was once known as the 'Garden of Adelaide' with rich fertile soils producing vegetables, fruits and grapes. By the 1950s population growth and the demand for housing saw much of the land converted to residential allotments and dwellings. At over 110 years old the Marion Vineyard is the world's oldest commercial, urban vineyard and one of the few remaining glimpses into the city's agricultural past.

VINTAGE

The season started mild with below average rainfall before well timed rain in January. Yields were above average across most varieties with reds showing ideal fruit flavour, acid and tannin balance. 2016 is considered by many to be the best 'all-round' vintage for some time.

VINIFICATION

When optimal flavour and tannin ripeness was reached the Shiraz and Grenache were hand picked, crushed and co-fermented as an expression of the famous Marion Vineyard site rather than varietal expression. Once complete the ferment was transferred to a mix of 30% new and 70% seasoned French oak for 18 months.

TASTING COMMENTS

Deep brick red in colour this wine is complex and intriguing. Aromas of raspberry, plum and cherry with menthol, tobacco and spice, that is so distinctive to this vineyard, layered over a touch of toasty oak. The palate is medium bodied, smooth and rounded. The tannin structure is supportive of the red berry fruit allowing it to linger in the mouth long after the wine is swallowed.



VARIETIES: Grenache (84%) Shiraz (16%)

SKIN CONTACT: 7 days

OAK: 30% new, 70% seasoned French oak

BARREL MATURATION: 18 months

WINEMAKERS: James Mungall & Ben Heide

ALC/VOL: 14.5%

Titrateable Acid: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.46

Residual Sugar: 0.13 g/L

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