

Elderton

2019 Barossa GSM

History

Grenache has been an integral variety in the Barossa since the early days of grape growing in the region. Traditionally used for fortified wines, Grenache was very much battered by the vine pull scheme of the 1970s. Today, it is easy to make the case that Grenache blended with its Rhone brethren of Shiraz and Mataro are the up and coming stars of the Barossa. Partnered alongside the best Shiraz, Grenache blends can make a significant one-two combination punch to ensure the world sits up and listens!

Vineyard Information

Sourced from two of our three estate vineyards, at Nuriootpa and Greenock. Our Greenock vineyard, located in the west of the Barossa Valley was added to the Elderton family in 2010 and is a great addition to the portfolio. The 60 acre vineyard has plantings back to 1915 and a terroir that has been in demand by many of the Barossa's elite winemakers. Estate grown on the old Helbig vineyard, from some of the younger Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro (vine age 20 - 45 years). Yields are very low, to ensure that the younger vines remain healthy and have the vitality to produce exceptional fruit that belies their age.

Winemaker's Comments

The 2019 vintage was characterised by a warm and extremely dry growing season, with very low rainfall. As a result yields were significantly impacted with resultant smaller berries and bunches. The fruit for all three varietals was harvested at optimum ripeness, whilst ensuring freshness and vibrancy of fruit was retained. The Shiraz was fermented separately in an open top concrete fermenter with gentle pump overs, whilst the later ripening Grenache and Mataro were co-fermented. After secondary fermentation and further maturation in French oak, careful blending of this wine was achieved to drive a bright and elegant style with the Grenache bringing freshness, lifted red fruits and spice, Shiraz for structure and palate length, whilst the Mataro provides an attractive textural savouriness.

- Jules Ashmead and Brock Harrison

Style	Bright, elegant, textural
Colour	Medium depth red with purple hues
Aroma	Vibrant raspberry and cherry fruits, with hints of liquorice and violets
Palate	Medium bodied, shows wonderful purity and elegance, with fresh raspberry and spice, complemented by very finely textured tannins, leading to a long, savoury and seamless finish
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for 5+ years



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Grenache 63%, **Shiraz** 23%, **Mataro** 14%

Vineyard Source Estate grown, 95% Greenock
5% Nuriootpa

Vine Age 20 - 45 years

Picking Date 4 - 13 March 2019

Oak Old French puncheons, 15 months

Alc/Vol 14.5%