

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2021 HICKINBOTHAM CLARENDON GRENACHE

From a site whose slopes are steeped in rich history, we source this Grenache from unirrigated bush vines planted in 1962. Its distinctive fruit is nurtured with a gentle wild fermentation and matured in grand 'cocciopesto' egg shaped amphorae. Capturing a contrasting expression of detailed perfume and a loose knit weave of tannins.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

We had a very favourable growing season, with good winter rains and a mild flowering and fruit set period. Continued spring rainfall ensured a healthy canopy. The yields were pleasing and showed good balance between vine vigour and moderate berry size. The ripening period that began late January was very cool, with some welcome rainfall in mid-February. This delayed harvest, and with the cold nights and mild sunny days we were very pleased with fruit ripeness and intensity. The freshness and bright natural acidity of the fruit were a real feature.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked on the 23rd of March and selectively berry sorted. 100% destemmed, crushed and tipped into 1800 L 'cocciopesto' stone egg shaped amphoras. The fermentation occurred in the amphoras, a gentle maceration of only wetting the cap. 69% remained on skins in Amphora for 198 days. No pressings are used in this wine. Matured exclusively in the amphora for a total of 13 months.

ACCLAIM

95 POINTS — Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*, January 2023

95 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022

Hickinbotham Grenache

VARIETY

100% Grenache Noir

REGION

Clarendon, McLaren Vale

YEAR PLANTED

1962

BLOCK 301

0.9 hectares

SOIL

Brown clay loam with weathered and broken siltstone (saprolite)

GEOLOGY

Belair Subgroup
(750 million years old)

ELEVATION

225 - 230m above sea level

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Flower

ALCOHOL

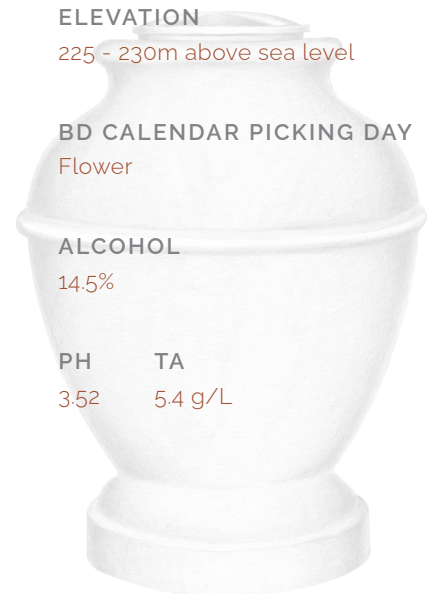
14.5%

PH

3.52

TA

5.4 g/L



WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane