

PATRITTI

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Urban Vineyard Collection

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Marion Vineyard Grenache Shiraz

Grenache (77%), Shiraz (23%).

Alc: 13.5%



Background

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. Fortunately, a few tiny vineyards remain as remnants of the areas long viticultural history. Since 2006, the Patritti family have been custodians of the historic Marion Vineyard on Oaklands Road, planted in 1907 to Grenache and Shiraz. It is believed to be the oldest commercially operating urban vineyard in the world.

From 2019 as part of a long-term arrangement with the City of Marion, Patritti have also commercially operated two other smaller but historically significant vineyards in the suburbs, at Oaklands Estate Reserve and Warriparinga Wetlands. These vineyards comprise old vine plantings of Muscat, Palomino and Pedro Ximenez.

All three vineyards are planted along the banks of the Sturt River, and all are located within 3 Km of the Patritti families' 1926 built winery. Patritti released their first 'Marion Vineyard Grenache Shiraz' from the 2008 vintage and in 2020 released a new product called 'April Red' a blend of Grenache from the Marion Vineyard and Pedro Ximenez from the Warriparinga Wetlands site.

Today Patritti's Urban Vineyard Collection consists of 4 wines and one spirit produced from the three historic vineyard sites. All grown, vinified and bottled in Adelaide's City of Marion district.

Vineyards

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. Today, only a few tiny vineyards remain; the most significant of these is the world famous, council owned, Marion Vineyard. Over 114 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.

Address: Marion Vineyard, Grenache (1 Ha) and Shiraz (0.4 Ha) planted 1907. Corner of Oaklands Road and Western Avenue.

Vinification

When optimal flavour and tannin ripeness was reached, the Grenache and Shiraz were hand-picked, crushed and co-fermented as an expression of the famous Marion Vineyard site rather than varietal expression. Once complete, the wine was transferred for maturation in seasoned large format French oak puncheons for 10 months.

Tasting Comments

Deep ruby brick red with lifted aromas of red fruits, cherry and plum. Characteristic of this single vineyard site are complex notes of five spice, eucalypt and menthol. The palate is juicy and fleshy with medium body and weight. It's finely structured, with lively medium impact tannins.