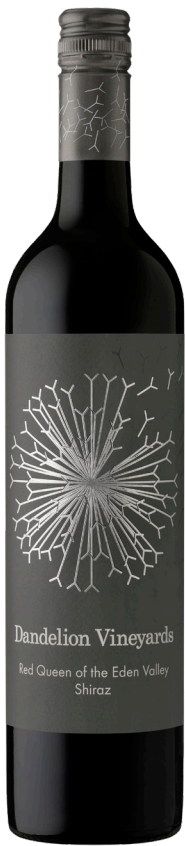


Dandelion Vineyards
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Red Queen of the Eden Valley Shiraz 2019

One ancient site of Eden Valley is Dandelion Vineyard's Red Queen



Background

Dandelion Vineyards is a unique fusion of vine and vigneron. Our wines represent decades of experience, blending the fruit of our heirloom vineyards with the finest traditions of artisanal winemaking.

Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their *terroir* in our wines.

Our founder & winemaker Elena Brooks crowned Colin Kroehn's Eden Valley Shiraz Vineyard as our Red Queen whose age, altitude, aspect and slope are key. Colin tended his beloved Shiraz for almost all of his 90 years and our Red Queen is made entirely from his vineyard. Planted in 1912, on a south facing slope of limestone bed rock with loamy sands absolutely laden with quartzite, the vineyards survives to this day. The rocky outcrops of quartz are spectacularly coloured with ironstone streaks, and sit over a c.1600 million year old Barossa Complex basement of gneiss and schist.

Elena's 12th vintage of Red Queen was hand harvested & sorted on April 6th, partially crushed gently to ferment ambiently & openly for 10 days thrice plunged by hand, before basket pressing into half new & half one year old French Oak Barriques to finish fermentation. After two and a half years maturation and a racking in the same oak, unfined or filtered capturing Elena's Red Queen to reward cellaring and decanting. Thank you to Mr. Kroehn for this legacy.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Grainy deep bright and brilliant, powerful purposeful purple velvet, as if holding a sword.

Nose

Classic noble Eden Valley shiraz aromatics that so rightly define this wine-growing region as royal. Pink peppercorns just crushed, picked and bruised plums, freshly tilled earth; bay leaves, thyme, sage and fennel fronds; nutmeg, mace and mushrooms at dawn; blackberry confit and bare zephyrs of dark chocolate liqueur. The subtle bouquet of oak's conservative tailoring reveals, in a mere glimpse, the winemaker's nerveless hand.

Palate

This is a coiled and compact red wine textured by super-fine and silky tannins - tannins as if in miniature. These coat the palate, but do so in neat check-step with the slightly dangerous and enticing fruits: perfect plums, the season's first blackberries, blueberries chilled. Alongside come hints of cedar and smoked meats. A long finish, and as long as the fruit is concentrated and unalloyed..

Drink

This is red wine that is more a natural phenomenon than it is a piece of highly intellectual architecture - no matter how perfect and exquisite that architecture might be. This is a powerful yet approachable red wine that wants no reverence. Give it proper cutlery, crockery, napery, and - the most important thing of all - your attention and time, and it will reveal itself to you as if it had been forever awaiting your arrival.

Wish you were here...

Zar Brooks, *Typist*

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