



2017 Cirillo Single Vineyard Barossa Mataro



Pure berry fruit, lifted spice and background salumi notes pervade the aromatics of the 2017 Cirillo Mataro.

Although the vibrancy, lift and linear character endowed by the cooler vintage are apparent, the wine is not without structure, however the native tannic rub of Mataro is internalised, at least partly concealed beneath a raft of tangy red berry flavours. The purity of expression promised by the bouquet follows on the palate where a refreshing avoidance of sweet richness serves to make the wine dangerously drinkable. Medium weight, silky and endowed with a European savouriness, the wine is poised to accompany a wide range of cuisine.

- Words by Grant Dickon

The Cirillo Mataro is an ode to Barossa history and old clones of the region. Cuttings were taken from nine individual rouge Mataro vines amongst our 1850 Grenache vineyard. Marco Cirillo propagated these nine vines in a nursery at the winery. Then he replanted these in 2005, as bush vineyard (no trellising) on the Cirillo property. As it is a small block, it only equates to around 60 dozen made each year.

This wine is generous and silky with beautiful depth. It shows structured flavour with fine tannins. Made naturally in open fermenters, gently basket pressed, then left to mature in seasoned French oak barrels for 12 months. This allows the Mataro to show its true terroir. A wine that can be forgotten in the cellar for the next 10 to 20 years.

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