

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.

2022 OLD VINE GRENACHE

Our Grenache bush vines are old. These gnarly strugglers were planted in 1946 in a deep sandy dune we call The Beach, overlying the North Maslin Sands geological formation. The Old Vine Grenache is a complex, perfumed and elegant wine with a trademark tannin structure.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2022 growing season followed very similar conditions to 2021, though slightly cooler. There were favourable winter rains and a mild flowering and fruit set period. The cool ripening period took place between late January through to harvest in March. Yields were well balanced, and we were pleased with the fruit ripeness, intensity, freshness, and natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

Sourced exclusively from 13.3 hectares of un-irrigated bush vines planted in 1946. Hand-picked, selectively sorted in the winery. 50% whole berries retained. Wild yeast. A very gentle pump over regime during fermentation, often just wetting the cap. Some extended maceration where taming or polishing of tannin required and in some cases up to 10 months. No pressings used. Maturation in a mixture of old French and Austrian puncheons, foudre, ceramic eggs and amphora. Bottled July 2023.



OLD VINE GRENACHE

VARIETY

100% Grenache Noir

REGION

Blewitt Springs,
McLaren Vale, South Australia

VINES

Vase shaped bush vine,
unirrigated

YEAR PLANTED

1946

SOIL

1m deep white sands
(silica – not marine)
overlying red/orange clay

GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION

200/210m above sea level

ALCOHOL

14.5%

PH

3.28

TA

6.4 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane