

The background is a textured, light beige surface featuring a collage of faint, sepia-toned images. These include a classical statue on the left, a portrait of a man in a top hat at the top center, a smiling cartoon monkey in a circular frame at the top right, a pixelated figure on the left, a classical figure in the bottom left, a classical figure in the bottom center, and a classical figure in the bottom right.

# Red Heads

We do things differently, join the movement



# WHO ARE WE?

It all started in the 1990's, when a group of moonlighting winemakers gathered in an old McLaren Vale restaurant called 'RedHeads' to break free from their corporate shackles and make 'real' wine in tiny batches – wines with flavour and personality. Today, RedHeads' home lies in the Barossa Valley and they have their own team of dedicated winemakers, led by Head Winemaker, Alex Trescowthick, but the philosophy remains the same – make real wine, their way from the best grapes they can get their hands on.



Self-titled 'Grape Liberators', RedHeads is firmly rooted in the Barossa Valley and is on a own mission to free vineyards from big corporations, hunting down premium fruit to be given the TLC it deserves, treated with care and blended to create unique, individual characters.

**AT REDHEADS, NO TWO WINES ARE THE SAME.**



# SOME FACTS & HISTORY

# RedHeads

## OUR FOUNDER. IT IS ALL ABOUT FAMILY..

RedHeads is owned by the Laithwaite family. We are a family business with family values and long-term investment outlook - quality and sustainability comes first.

The Laithwaite family has vineyards & a winery in South Australia (all RedHeads') as well as in Bordeaux and England.

Tony Laithwaite, founder, started in 1969 importing Bordeaux Chateaux direct to customers in UK and bought his first Bordeaux estate in the early 1980s. Now one of the most highly awarded wines in the region winning the prestigious Paris Grand Prix d' Excellence twice!

The Laithwaite Family's first investment in South Australia was in early 2000's when they purchased a restaurant building in McLaren Vale called "Redheads" and turned it into a winemaker's playground.

This was the next step for the Aussie Flying Winemakers that came home after working for the family in French coops in the 1980s/90s.

Tony and Barbara's eldest son, Henry Laithwaite cut his teeth making wine in McLaren Vale and still oversees the RedHeads Wilson Gunn lab.

The youngest son, Tom, is now our team mentor and has taken the winery to new heights investing in state-of-the-art green winery in Angaston.





# OUR GREEN CREDS



It's not all smoke and mirrors here at RedHeads unlike some other so-called 'green' wineries. And we have the gongs to prove it. We are powered 97% off-grid by some massive solar panels on the roof that capture the sun's energy and store it in our Lithium Ion batteries. Yep, we get a LOT of sun in the Barossa. The remaining 3%? Certified green power of course! Our water management system is state-of-the-art. We collect and re-use as much wastewater and rainfall as possible, recycle it then share it back around the vineyard. It's a state-of-the-art system designed to keep us efficiently using water across the site. A saving of around 2,700,000 litres per year!

## TIMELINE OF AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS





# OUR WINES

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## ICON RANGE

Our icon wines are our top dogs. We try to make them every year but sometimes vintage dictates otherwise. Made in limited quantities and often snapped up soon after release. Get in quick!

## VILLAGE WINES

Made in our Barossa home in our eco-friendly winery, we source fruit from our valued growers each year for these beauties. No two wines are the same and every wine tells its own story.

## STUDIO BAR EXCLUSIVES

Time to time we come across an exceptional parcel of fruit that we may never get our hands on again. These are usually only available directly through our Studio Bar at 258 Angaston Rd





# 2021 MOONLIGHTERS

## WHITE

RedHeads



**VARIETY** Chardonnay and Viognier

**REGION** South Australia

**RANGE** Village

### THE STORY

‘Moonlighter’ captures the very essence of the RedHeads concept. Right at the beginning, when RedHeads started in the McLaren Vale, a handful of dedicated, rule-breaking, young winemakers, with a day job at the big corporations, would arrive at RedHeads studio early evening, down a cold beer, then start on crafting a ‘real’ wine, with all the unbridled passion you’d expect from the newly qualified winemaking elite Down Under.

### WINEMAKING

Each parcel of grapes was harvested, bag pressed and left to settle separately, prior to partially being transferred to French oak. We let nature take her course with the ferments (but we experimented with a special Burgundy yeast on some of the fruit to get a clean finish on the wine).

The barrels were stirred fortnightly for 2 months to build palate weight and depth prior to tasting, blending and bottling.

### TASTING NOTE

Fuller richer nose with struck match characters, summer stone fruit including nectarine and apricot. Textured palate with apricot nectar balanced by spice and subtle nutty notes and a balanced acidity.



# 2020 MOONLIGHTERS

## RED



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**VARIETY** Petit Verdot, Malbec and Merlot

**REGION** South Australia

**RANGE** Village

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### WINEMAKING

After harvesting, the grapes were crushed then fermented in open top fermenters and macerated on skins for 10-12 days to maintain as much fruit freshness as possible. The wine was transferred to a combination of French and American oak for aging in barrel for a minimum of nine months.

### TASTING NOTE

Deep ruby red in colour. Black fruits on the nose with subtle herb and spice characters. A full bodied wine with black fruit extending to the palate from the Petit Verdot. Cherry and plum notes finish with peppery tannins. A great food wine.



# 2019 VIN'ATUS TEMPRANILLO GRACIANO

RedHeads



**VARIETY** 93% Tempranillo, 7% Graciano

**REGION** One Tree Hill, Adelaide

**RANGE** Village

## THE STORY

'A jestful caper from Spanish varietals, our playful Vin'atus struts dark, brooding Aussie pizzazz and delicious dark cherry fruit. Our winemaker spotted this unusual trio of Spaniards on a small family property in One Tree Hill, a tiny hamlet between the Barossa and Adelaide Hills. Taken from a single vineyard grown by Anthony & Marie Catanzariti, the family decided to plant a vineyard on the 60 acre Rocca cattle property in the Adelaide Foothills. The property is planted with a distinct Mediterranean varietal influence.

## WINEMAKING

We used a combination of our classic open-top plastic fermenters and stainless steel with twice-a-day hand-plunging. 10-12 days maceration with temperature-controlled fermentation around 22-24C to retain as much juicy, primary fruit as possible. The components were aged separately for 10 months in new and seasoned, French and American oaks before we put the combination together for bottling.

## TASTING NOTE

Red cherry and red plum aromas. Nice richness coming through from the Graciano with vanilla spice that complement the red fruit notes on the palate. Finishes with a savoury spice and medium bodied tannins.



# 2019 COCO RÔTIE SHIRAZ

## VIOGNIER

RedHeads



**VARIETY** Shiraz Viognier

**REGION** South Australia

**RANGE** Village

### THE STORY

In 638 AD, the legend of The Monkey King was born. Every bit as mischievous and furry as his smaller relatives - no amount of wine could quell his divine thirst and no amount of roasted coconuts (Noix de Coco Rôties) could satisfy his heavenly hunger.

### WINEMAKING

The Shiraz comes from close friends, Jeff McMurtrie, Darren Arney, George Borrett and the Lloyd Brothers. These are farmers who know their vineyards better than anyone; they've been on these patches in the Barossa, McLaren Vale and Adelaide Hills all of their lives (some of them still do business the "old school" way with only a handshake to seal the deal).

We co-fermented Syrah with Viognier the traditional way; just the Viognier skins as the juice is saved for another RedHeads Wine. We employed open-top concrete fermenters with a heading down board to keep the cap submerged for the whole fermentation.

### TASTING NOTE

Excellent depth of colour, the monkey king jumps out of the glass with apricot peel and spice notes from the Viognier. Plum from the Shiraz and subtle oak notes. Shiraz and Viognier are Co-fermented to bring this classic Rhone blend together. Soft and luscious on the palate with well balance tannins. Pair this monkey with pizza, steak or on its own - its the allrounder!



# 2019 DOGS OF THE BAROSSA

## SHIRAZ



**VARIETY** Shiraz

**REGION** Barossa Valley

**RANGE** Icon

### THE STORY

The Dogs of the Barossa is the story of a young dog in an old dog's world. We find ourselves once again proving our worth, this time in the ancient Barossa, an area with some of the oldest vineyards in the world. Shiraz vines nearly 200 years old.

### WINEMAKING

The Shiraz grapes are hand-harvested, hand sorted, and then destemmed into small open-top fermenters. The aging occurs for 18 months in French barrels that lend a luscious layer of cedar and bacon fat tones to the Shiraz spice, while old American oak brings a more vanilla-scented touch.

Giving these grapes the attention, they deserve, we handle the grapes delicately leading to tender extraction of colour and flavour. The growers The Poole family – with Matt and Deb at the helm – are proud owners and operators of a vineyard based in Light Pass amongst the famous Barossa Valley wine region of South Australia. The land and vineyard has been passed on through the generations of Deb's family and their four children are sixth generation descendants.

### TASTING NOTE

Dark cherry, plum and vanilla spice on the nose. Elegant palate with mid weight tannins. Silky mouth filling palate with berries that rises to a very rich finish. Brooding dark fruits complemented by oak and vanilla notes.

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# 2020 CAT BIRD SEAT CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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**VARIETY** Cabernet Sauvignon

**REGION** Coonawarra

**RANGE** Village

## THE STORY

Noun. An enviable position, having the upper hand or greater advantage.

“Those bloody winemakers at RedHeads, always in the Catbird Seat, getting all the best grapes!”

## WINEMAKING

A stand-out single vineyard, the Scoble Vineyard, this Cabernet Sauvignon is sourced from Australia’s premier Cabernet region, Coonawarra. In true RedHeads style, we have rescued a parcel of grapes from being blended away to make a premium cabernet. Machine harvested in the afternoon to avoid the morning dews in the Coonawarra. De-stemmed and fermented in open top fermenters and aged in a mix of seasoned and new French oak with around 20% new oak.

## TASTING NOTE

Deep brick red in colour. Medium to full bodied. Beautiful Cabernet elegance, tightly wound structure. Dark cherry, plum and vanilla spice on the nose with menthol and mint undertones. Elegant palate with silky, mid weight tannins and flavours of berries that rises to a very rich finish. Brooding dark fruits complemented by oak and vanilla notes.