

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in the north-east of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia.

Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, higher altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2018 HIGH SANDS GRENACHE

High Sands is our Holy Grail. It captures the essence of our prized old vines. The High Sands block has a restrained authoritative power that is an antithesis to its purity, fragrance and beauty.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

2018 was a text book growing season, with good winter rains, and favourable weather conditions during a very mild spring. We had a generally dry summer, which led to earlier expected picking dates, especially with lower than average yields. By the end of February and early March the Autumnal nights got quite cool, which really slowed down the ripening process.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked and mechanically sorted. 100% Destemmed, with 50% whole berries. Cold soak. Open fermenters. Plunged. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Kept on lees in 100% older French oak for 11 months. We have selected individual barrels that showcase the pedigree of the deep sand, with lifted fragrance, intense fruit expression and fine, gritty long tannin structure. Not fined.

• Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.54 TA: 6.7 g/L Yield: 21 hl/ha

High Sands 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
(55 million years old)

BLOCK 31

1.7 hectares

ELEVATION

210M above sea level



Organic & biodynamic Certification (ACO # 11587)

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane