



THE MATADOR

2021 BAROSSA VALLEY GRENACHE

A CHARISMATIC AND FLAVOURED RED - CHARGE YOUR GLASSES!

A flavourful wine, this Grenache is a charismatic red with a dramatic mouthfeel. Notes of strawberries and cherries come charging in on a palate of spicy raspberry attack.

Grab it by the horns!

COLOUR

Garnet red with purple hues

BOUQUET

An intense nose of strawberries and raspberries

PALATE

An explosive attack of spicy berry fruit flavours, with a hint of Turkish Delight, presented on a moorishly, textured palate.

CELLARING

Drink up, but also a 5-8 year proposition.

VINTAGE

Good rains in late winter set vineyards up for strong spring growth, and an uninterrupted flowering resulted in balanced yields. Short bursts of heat in January and February were followed by average to below average daytime temperatures and cool nights in March and April. As a result, reds showing promising depth and structure. Barossa Shiraz & Grenache is a particular highlight, but all varieties fared well. Overall, 2021 is not as cool a season as 2002, but it was slightly cooler than 2012, and has the potential to be mentioned in the same breath as these two cracking vintages.

VINEYARDS

Ebenezer in the north of the Barossa - 300m above sea level on deep red clay

VINIFICATION

The fruit is crushed/destemmed and fermented at temperatures ranging from 20-25°C for 8 days on skins. The ferment is managed by a variety of techniques, including 'aerative pump overs' and 'drain and returns' which assist in extracting colour, flavour and tannin from the grapes. At the end of fermentation, it is drained/pressed, and transferred to 3 and 4 year old French oak puncheons to undergo MLF. Post MLF, sulphur dioxide is added, and the wines mature sur lie for 8 months. Assemblage takes place at the end of this maturation period. This wine was bottled in November 2021.

