

# 2022 ENDURANCE GRENACHE

### **Vintage Conditions**

The growing season leading into the 2022 vintage was a blessing, with above average, soaking winter rains followed by above average early spring rainfall, filling the soil profile for the first time in years.

A significant hailstorm on the 28th October and wet, windy and cold flowering conditions reduced potential yield.

December 2021 through harvest was cool and dry, which delayed harvest but allowed for the fruit to evenly ripen on the vine while maintaining great fruit condition. Albeit final yields were reduced by 30%, the richness and power of the wines combined with freshness and purity from the cooler season, has made for back to back great vintages.

### Winemaking

Grenache was hand harvested on the 28th March, 2022. 30% whole bunch was added to a 2.5t open fermenter and the remaining fruit was destemmed and placed above. The fruit was initially fermented cool, to retain aromatics and pumped over twice daily through the height of fermentation, where temperatures were allowed to rise. Drained and basket pressed, with all pressings returned to the free-run, and transferred to oak to complete fermentation. Matured in 3rd use French oak hogsheads and seasoned American oak hogsheads for 16 months prior to racking, natural clarification and packaging.



#### Vineyard Selection

The Endurance Grenache was sourced from a neighbour within Marananga, only a couple of stone throws away from Hares Chase.

## **Tasting Evaluation**

Colour: Bright Garnet with crimson hues.

**Aroma:** Cherry, raspberry and mulberry fruits are intertwined with spices of sage, oregano and cinnamon.

Palate: Medium bodied, juicy red fruits and spice with a smooth and textural mouthfeel, and fine tannins.

Drink now or cellar for 5+ years.

#### **Technical Notes**

Winemaker	Matt Reynolds
Varietal	Grenache
Region	Marananga Barossa Valley
Alcohol	14.5% alc/vol
рН	3.63
TA	6.4g/L
Bottled	Sept 2024

#### **AWARDS & ACCOLADES**

95pts 92pts Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, May 2025 Ken Gargett, Wine Pilot, May 2025

