

TWO HANDS WINES  
BRAVE FACES  
GRENACHE/MOURVÈDRE/SHIRAZ  
VINTAGE 2021



BRAVE FACES IS A TRIBUTE TO THE GRAPE GROWERS OF BAROSSA VALLEY, WHO FOUGHT AGAINST THE VINE-PULL SCHEME IN THE 1980S

*"Brave faces face the boardroom, The oak stained walls fall silent, They leave lined with defeat" – Midnight Oil 1981*

#### COLOUR

Medium crimson red with a bright red core.

#### AROMA

Notes of smoked tea, bright dark cherry, mulberry, juniper, with hints of anise, cassia bark, black pepper and fresh hung meat.

#### PALATE

Medium bodied with lovely pert acidity giving the palate a lovely buoyant quality. Bright fruit notes lead the entry, layered with notes of spice and smoked tea that provide depth and complexity. Black pepper, fresh meat and oolong tea dominate where hints of cassia bark and star anise provide background notes. A lovely long length through the palate is aided along with creamy lees notes. Whole bunch, chalky tannins provide a savoury note through the late palate.

#### WINEMAKING

The majority of the batches were de-stemmed and crushed to open top fermenters. The Shiraz was pumped over three times daily through the peak of fermentation, whereas the Grenache and Mourvèdre, after a few days cold soak, were lightly plunged.

Average time 'on-skins' was 15 days. Grenache parcels were fermented with 20% whole bunches. All pressings were added back to the free run. Some barrels had extended lees contact through maturation.

#### MATURATION

Aged for 12 months in a combination of concrete and older puncheon and hogsheads.

#### CELLAR POTENTIAL

Great drinking now with potential for short to medium term cellaring of five to ten years

#### REGION

Barossa Valley, South Australia

