



SECTION 181

SINGLE VINEYARD GRENACHE MCLAREN VALE 2020

Our Family Range reflects the progression of the Patritti business since its establishment in 1926. The single vineyard wines showcase our founder's understanding of the importance of terroir through the selection and subsequent purchase of these sites.

Giovanni Patritti purchased Section 181 Branson Road, Tatachilla in the region of McLaren Vale in 1960 to further the family's vineyard holdings. Among other varieties, a section of the property was planted to Grenache. Today, fifteen acres of the original dry grown Grenache vines remain and are used to make this single vineyard wine.

VINEYARD

Located less than 4km from the Gulf of St Vincent, the Tatachilla vineyard's climate is slightly cooler due to the prevailing sea breezes. The soil is characterised as yellow and buff sandstone, pebbly sandstone, and clay, providing ideal conditions for the old, dry grown Grenache vines with an average age of 50 years.

VINTAGE

A vintage that will be remembered for its challenges but also for the quality of the wines that were produced. Crop levels were low, in some cases very low, as a result of extreme weather conditions early in the season. Frost, drought, heat and bushfires impacted many regions across Australia. Fortunately, cool and near perfect conditions later in the season allowed for slow and even ripening resulting in very high fruit quality.

VINIFICATION

Harvested at optimal flavour and tannin ripeness, the low yielding fruit was hand picked before being transferred to the historic Patritti winery in Dover Gardens. The fruit was fermented in small batches with a small percentage fermented as whole bunches to bring out the individual characters. Left on skins for up to nine days, the ferments were regularly tasted to ensure the resulting wine was soft and not over extracted. Using a gentle hand, the ferments were pressed, blended then transferred to seasoned French demi muid barrels for 18 months.

TASTING COMMENTS

Medium brick red with a light ruby hue; the aromatics of the wine are intense and complex with lifted fruit characters of raspberry, black cherry, and spice. The palate is rounded and juicy, the structural tannins keep it balanced, but the mouthfeel is rich and generous. Drink now or cellar for 10+ years.



SUB-REGION: Tatachilla

SKIN CONTACT: 9 days

OAK: Seasoned French oak demi muids (600L)

BARREL MATURATION: 18 months

WINEMAKERS: James Mungall & Ben Heide

ALC/VOL: 14.5%

Titrateable Acid: 6.0 g/L

pH: 3.49

Residual Sugar: 1.7 g/L

G. Patritti & Co Pty Ltd
Established 1926
Winemakers & Distillers

13-23 Clacton Road
Dover Gardens SA 5048
patritti.com.au