



Menagerie of the Barossa
Grenache Shiraz Mataro 2017

Dandelion Vineyards
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The aristocratic blend of luxury, curiosity and whimsy



Background

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Dandelion Vineyards are proven plantings that have stood the test of time. Our wish is to nurture the unique character of these vineyards and express their terroir in our wines.

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At the end of our old vine garden path there is a historic 'Menagerie' of three grape varieties, adjoining blocks of Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro at Gomersal in the Barossa. After hand picking selected bunches of our Menagerie field blend on the 22nd of March our winemaker Elena Brooks let the whole bunches ferment together in open top fermenters with ambient or 'other people's' yeasts and hand plunging for 14 days, before basket pressing into old French Oak barriques, to then mature for a further 12 months in the same oak, before bottling without fining or filtration to capture the essence of our vinous Menagerie of the Barossa.

This vintage of our Menagerie of the Barossa has a high level of natural acidity, and bone dry, it is ménage à trois that makes wine truly of its time and place, a wish come true and a looking glass, if you will, and although ready to drink immediately it will also reward cellaring and decanting.

Tasting Notes

Colour

Deep red with hints of violet on the edges, indicating youth.

Nose

A summer pudding of lifted red fruits, berries and a hit of cinnamon and Asian spice. Wild cherries, Damson plums, mulberries and an impressive structure balanced by spicy oak.

Palate

Opulent, intense red berries balanced by soft velvety tannins and supple oak with great balance from the acid renowned in Barossa Grenache.

Drink

Perfect partner for the casual lunch in relaxed settings. The wine is suitable to a wide range of food, from freshly caught seafood to a rich pasta dish and red meat in spring herbs.

Winemaker

Elena Brooks, BSc (Oenology) Adelaide

Specifics

Composition: 80% Grenache, 15% Shiraz, 5% Mataro

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA: 6.12g/L

pH: 3.46

Latitude 34°32'33" South

Longitude 138°53'25" East

Altitude 281 Feet = 86 Metres

Wish you were here...

Carl Lindner & Brad Rey, Vignerons,
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