



YANGARRA

ESTATE VINEYARD

2010 OLD VINE GRENACHE

OUR STORY

Yangarra Estate Vineyard is located in the northeastern foothills of McLaren Vale at the base of the Southern Mount Lofty Ranges. This district is known as Blewitt Springs and lies upon the North Maslin Sands geological formation. Our estate is a 420-acre sanctuary of wild pastures, towering gum trees, creeks, natural corridors and vines organically farmed in 35 individual blocks. We specialize in Rhône varieties grown mainly as traditional bush vines.

VINEYARD & VINTAGE

The vase-shaped, dry-farmed old strugglers stand without wires or system of support. This ancient bush vine method allows greater natural airflow. Set low to the ground on the weathered remnants of a long-gone mountain range, this sandy site is now fondly called "The Beach." As with the fabled stones of Châteauneuf du Pape the sands reflect heat during the day and release it at night to enhance physiological ripening. Combine this with cool evening air that flows down from nearby Mount Lofty for intense, bright flavours.

The winter and spring brought welcomed rainfall after two previous winters with well below average rain. 2010 was a mild vintage with splashes of rain and moderate summer temperatures with the exception of warmer temperatures during Grenache flowering which resulted in low yields. The vintage produced wines with fresh, bright flavours, lively acidity and focused tannins.

WINEMAKING

The first vintage in our new winery, Grenache was hand-picked and gently de-stemmed at the winery where whole berries received double sorting before going into open top fermentation tanks. The grapes were cold soaked for 5-6 days until the onset of wild fermentation, utilizing the yeasts that naturally come in with the grapes from the vineyard. The open fermenters underwent a careful regime of plunging and rack and returns, and were then sent to French barriques after about 12-14 days. The wine in barrel is kept on the yeast lees for approximately 12 months prior to blending. The wine received no fining, just filtration.

TASTING NOTES

"A highly complex, intense, glowering beauty. Kept open, the dark fruits give way to hints of licorice, chicory and cured meats, revealing just a glimpse of how it will evolve over the next decade. It has remarkable intensity, and yet retains just enough of that audacious primary fruit to remain cheeky and tantalizing."

- Peter Fraser, Winemaker

WINE DETAILS

REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale,
South Australia

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Grenache

VINE AGE

Grenache 65 year-old vines

ELEVATION

200 - 211 meters above sea level

ALCOHOL

14.5%

T.A.

6.6g/L

PH

3.33

BARREL AGING

15 months in 100% older French oak

WINEMAKER

Peter Fraser, Shelley Torresan

VITICULTURIST

Michael Lane

CASES

739 six-bottle cases

