

Yangarra is a biodynamic wine farm in the northeast of the McLaren Vale region in South Australia. Our philosophy centres around producing southern Rhône varietal wines only from our single vineyard estate that are an honest reflection of this special place.

2017 OLD VINE GRENACHE

Produced from the fruit of bush vines planted in 1946 high on our Estate's deep sandy soils. Our Old Vine Grenache is complex, perfumed and elegant with a trademark tannin structure.

VINEYARD

The 2017 growing season was one of the coldest on record. We had quite a wet Spring, which made shoot and bunch thinning of the utmost importance to reduce crop and ensure ample bunch exposure to sunlight.

The grapes were hand-picked on the 29th March (leaf day). As much as we pick on sugar/acid balance, and importantly physiological characters, we also consider the biodynamic calendar where possible, with fruit days and flower days being the most desirable, and a root day avoided.

The vineyard is certified Biodynamic (certification #11587) with Australian Certified Organic. We have quite a practical approach, with our philosophy focused around healthy and alive soil, which involves no use of synthetic herbicides or fungicides, use of compost and biodynamic preparations, use of sheep in winter to graze under vine, and minimal mechanical soil disruption.

WINEMAKING

This wine is comprised of Grenache from our dry-farmed bush vines, planted in 1946. These vines rest in ancient sands that overlie North Maslin geology. The source blocks were 23, 24, 25 and 29 on our single-vineyard estate. Hand-picked and mechanically sorted with 50% whole berries retained and the remaining fruit destemmed. We cold soaked the fermentation tanks for 5-6 days until the onset of a wild yeast fermentation. The open fermenter's underwent a careful regime of plunging and rack and returns. No pressings were used. The wine was kept on yeast lees for 10 months, in 100% older French oak. No fining occurred, just filtration.

Bottled in February 2018. Certified Organic/Biodynamic.

REGION:

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale, SA

VARIETAL

COMPOSITION: 100%

Grenache

VINE AGE: 71 year-old vines

ELEVATION:

200m above sea level

VITICULTURALIST:

Michael Lane

BARREL AGING:

10 months in 100% older French oak

ALCOHOL 14.0%

T.A. 5.6 g/L

PH 3.51

WINEMAKER:

Peter Fraser, Guillaume Camougrand