HEAD
BAROSSA

2023 HEAD RED

Grenache

BAROSSA VALLEY



Sourced from four very special Grenache vineyards each on different soils to create complexity & harmony in the final blend.

The 2023 vintage was mild in every manner with high humidity through the season from our 3rd year in a row of La Nina. Unusually, for these cooler conditions Grenache then achieved enough raw extract & tannin to bottle on its own without the usual blending partners of Shiraz & Mataro (GSM). During vintage it was not clear this would happen – what utter delight to watch this wine unfold.

The first vineyard was planted in 1970 on the Biscay soils of Bethany. The second vineyard is 1950 planted bush-vines from Ebenezer on white/grey sand over clay. The third is Krondorf planted 1942 on red/brown cracking clay and the final is again Ebenezer planted 1950 on white wind-blown Kalimna sands. Each vineyard is hand picked and we ferment with about 5% whole bunches. 15 months in French puncheons and a splash of 1968 planted Mataro make this wine utterly delicious and ready for immediate consumption. Lightly chill – ice cubes allowed but.. don't tell me.

Gary Walsh Wine Front 91 Pts

"This is nutty, spicy, offers red fruits and cherry, red liquorice, aniseed, and quite some orange peel/amaro tang. It's kind of mulchy and autumnal, a bit dusty in tannin, and a little sappy, and certainly has something of a Barolo chinato quality about it, which I like, on a finish of solid length."

RAINFALL:	573ml (April '22-March '23 avg. 438ml)
VINEYARD:	Bethany (280m), Krondorf (260m), Ebenezer (340m), Nuriootpa (280m)
VARIETAL:	97% Grenache, 3% Mataro
VINE AGE:	50-74 years
SOIL/ROCK:	Biscay, red-clay & grey/white sands.
AVG. YIELD:	2.0t/a or 34hl/h
PRODUCTION:	700 cases
VINIFICATION:	Handpicked fruit, 5% whole bunch, warm ferment.
BOTTLING:	June 24, minimal So2
ACIDITY:	5.1g/l
ALCOHOL:	14.5% g/f: 0.4g/l

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