YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

High Sands Grenache

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in the north-east of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2018 HIGH SANDS GRENACHE

High Sands is our Holy Grail. It captures the essence of our prized old vines. The High Sands block has a restrained authoritative power that is an antithesis to its purity, fragrance and beauty.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

2018 was a textbook growing season, with good winter rains, and favourable weather conditions during a very mild spring. We had a generally dry summer, which led to earlier expected picking dates, especially with lower than average yields. By the end of February and early March, the Autumnal nights got quite cool, which really slowed down the ripening process.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked and mechanically sorted. 100% Destemmed, with 50% whole berries. Cold soak. Open fermenters. Plunged. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Kept on lees in 100% older French oak for 11 months. We have selected individual barrels that showcase the pedigree of the deep sand, with lifted fragrance, intense fruit expression and fine, gritty long tannin structure. Not fined. Bottled February 2019.

ACCLAIM

98 POINTS — Nick Stock, *JamesSuckling.com*, September 2021
96+ POINTS — Gary Walsh, *The Wine Front*, May 2021
96 POINTS — Ned Goodwin, *Halliday Wine Companion*, August 2021
96 POINTS — Stuart Knox, *The Real Review*, February 2021
95 POINTS — Joe Czerwinski, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, August 2021

ACO Certified Organic & Biodynamic
ACO CERT. NO. 11587

VARIETY
100% Grenache Noir

YEAR PLANTED
1946

VINES
Vase shaped bush vine, unirrigated

REGION
Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale, South Australia

SOIL
1m deep White Sands (silica – not marine) overlying red/orange clay

GEOLOGY
North Maslin Sands (54 million years old)

ELEVATION
210m above sea level

BLOCK 31
1.7 hectares

YIELD
21 hectolitres per hectare

ALCOHOL
14.5%

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3.27	6.7 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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