YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

High Sands Grenache

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge 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.

2019 HIGH SANDS GRENACHE

High Sands Grenache is the pinnacle of our estate. Reaching deep within the sandy soil, our prized 1946 old vines produce wines that balance intense power and complexity with fragrance and beauty.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2019 growing season was very dry, which resulted in incredibly low yields.

We had a relatively warm lead up to the ripening period, which produced a very condensed and fast harvest. Grenache faired very well in a season like this, giving rise to concentration, freshness of flavour and marked natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

Sourced exclusively from our special Block 31 (1.7 Ha). At 210m elevation, this is the highest section of the 1946 planted bush vine Grenache, which also has the deepest sandy soil. Our small yields were hand-picked 6th of March and selectively sorted. 50% whole berries were destemmed and placed in open fermenters, with a long, gentle maceration for a minimum of 21 days. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Matured on lees in older large French oak and ceramic eggs for 11 months. Bottled March 2020.

ACCLAIM

100 POINTS — Nick Stock, *JamesSuckling.com*, November 2020

98 POINTS — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, July 2022

97 POINTS — Ned Goodwin, *Halliday Wine Companion*, June 2022

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

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
1200 Litres per hectare / 2.4 Tonnes per hectare

ALCOHOL
14.5%

PH	TA
3.37	6.4 g/L

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY
Flower

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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