YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

Hickinbotham 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.

2020 HICKINBOTHAM CLARENDON GRENACHE

From a site whose slopes are steeped in rich history, we source this Grenache from unirrigated bush vines planted in 1962. Its distinctive fruit is nurtured with a gentle wild fermentation and matured in grand 'cocciopesto' egg shaped amphorae. Capturing a contrasting expression of detailed perfume and a loose knit weave of tannins.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season was affected by a very hot spring, leading to the lowest yields on record. As the grapes started their ripening process the weather miraculously cooled to a very mild ripening season. This resulted in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity and brightness of fruit, but above all, beautiful finesse and balanced tannins.

WINEMAKING

Grenache is sourced from our Hickinbotham Clarendon Vineyard, from a small plot (0.9 Ha) planted in 1962 on the highest ridge of the estate. Hand-picked on the 25th of March and selectively berry sorted. 100% destemmed, crushed and tipped into 1800L 'cocciopesto' stone egg shaped amphoras. The fermentation occurred in the amphoras, a gentle maceration of only wetting the cap. 72% remained on skins in amphora for 156 days. No pressings are used in this wine. Matured exclusively in amphora for a total of 11 months. Bottled April 2021.

VARIETY
100% Grenache Noir

YEAR PLANTED
1962

BLOCK 301
0.9 hectares

SOIL
Brown clay loam with weathered and broken siltstone (saprolite)

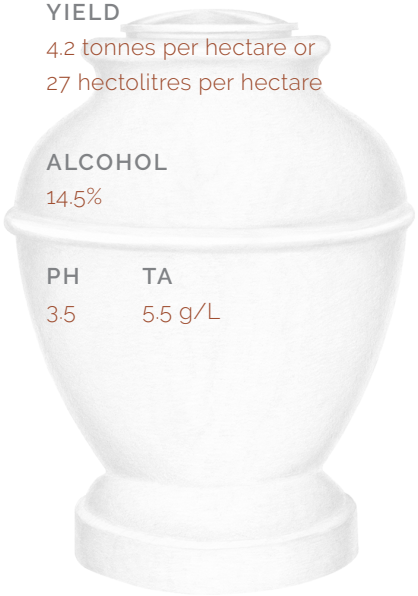
GEOLOGY
Belair Subgroup
(750 million years old)

ELEVATION
225 - 230m above sea level

YIELD
4.2 tonnes per hectare or
27 hectolitres per hectare

ALCOHOL
14.5%

PH	TA
3.5	5.5 g/L



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