YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in the north-east of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia.

Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, higher altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2020 NOIR

Grenache is the emerging hero variety of McLaren Vale. Traditional blends of Grenache from our region generally focused on the varieties Grenache (G), Shiraz (S) and Mourvedre (M), and thus the term GSM. For many years in the old world Grenache has had many more blending partners. In France, namely the Sourthern Rhone, it can be blended with Cinsaut, Counouise, Picpoul Noir, and Muscardin. In Priorat Spain, with Carignan. We started planting some of these obscure Southern Rhone and Priorat varieties in 2008 which has culminated in our first Noir blend being produced. Many of these varieties, including Grenache, have a blanc (white), gris (grey) and noir (black) expression of the variety, which lead to calling this the Noir.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2020 harvest will be remembered for many years, mostly for all the wrong reasons. The growing season was marred by a very hot spring and the bush-fires that ravaged vast areas of Australia. We feel feel incredibly blessed that in Mclaren vale we were untouched by either the fires or smoke taint.

The very hot spring did lead to lowest yields on our records, but as the grapes started their ripening process the weather miraculously cooled to one of the most mild ripening seasons, resulting in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity and brightness of fruit, but above all beautiful finesse and balanced tannins.

WINEMAKING

Each grape variety was handled separately until final blending to allow each variety to best exhibit its unique characteristics. Destemmed and mechanically sorted. 50% whole berries. Cold Soak. Open fermenters. 14-18 days on skins with a very gentle maceration. Wild yeast ferment. Kept on lees in 100% older French oak for 6 months. Bottled November 2020.

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VARIETY

45% Grenache, 19% Mourvèdre,
19% Carignan, 12% Shiraz,
4% Cinsaut, 1% Counoise

GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION

175M - 200M above sea level

- Alcohol: 14.0%
- pH: 3.51
- TA: 5.7 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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