



Bethany[®]
WINES *of* BAROSSA

THE SCHRAPEL FAMILY HAVE
BEEN TILLING THE SOIL IN
THEIR BAROSSA VINEYARDS
FOR OVER 160 YEARS.

first village

GRENACHE SHIRAZ MATARO
BAROSSA / 2019

TASTING NOTES

The love affair for Grenache at Bethany continues with this serious, complex and utterly drinkable wine. Bright purple red hue with good density and vibrancy. Vibrant, fresh and beguiling nose of purple florals and red fruits, a hint of French oak spice adds freshness and lift to the fruit. The palate has a strong Grenache dominance with spicy and earthy red fruits and aromatic interest holding sway, the supple darker fruits of the Shiraz add volume and weight while the Mataro brings through a fine blue fruited complexity and clear direction to the palate. Tannins are supple and generously structured and give length, age ability and freshness to the finish.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Grenache fruit is sourced from low yielding old bush vines which are hand pruned to 50-60 buds per vine. These old vines are grown on their own roots rather than grafted rootstock, naturally limiting the canopy growth and allowing for better fruit exposure to sunlight. This exposure ensures even ripening of the grapes with enhanced fruit flavour esters and colour ripeness. The fruit is hand-picked very late in the season at optimal ripeness.

VINTAGE REPORT

The Barossa had a very dry winter and spring in 2018 and only had limited and small rainfall events during the summer to freshen up the vines. Frost events and hail events in the Spring disrupted bud burst and flowering in some vineyards. These challenging conditions lead to one of the shortest and smallest harvests in recent history but the quality of the fruit that was harvested was universally high even across the white varieties.

WINEMAKING REPORT

Sourced from Estate and neighbouring vineyards in the village this is globally popular blend with a very Bethany feel. Parcels were kept separate and whole berry fermented with a variety of skin contact times (7-14 days) and twice daily pumpovers according to stage of fermentation. A small number of whole bunches were used to add further complexity and aromatic interest. Maturation was for 12 months in a variety of new and seasoned oak as well as stainless steel. The final blend was put together in May 2020 prior to bottling.

REGION

Barossa Valley

BLEND

48% Grenache
27% Shiraz
25%, Mataro

ACIDITY

5.9 g/L

ALCOHOL / VOLUME

14.5 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR

<1.0 g/L

CELLAR POTENTIAL

5 – 10 years

WINEMAKER

Alex MacClelland

AWARDS

2020 Barossa Wine Show
- Silver



The village of Bethany was the first settlement in the Barossa Valley in 1842. Predominately European immigrants arrived and began building houses and tilling the soil. The first vines on Bethany Estate were planted in 1852, beginning a passion and tradition that continues on today with the Schrapel family, six generations later.