



Bethany®

WINES of BAROSSA

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

BLUE QUARRY

OLD VINE PLANTINGS



GRENACHE

BAROSSA VALLEY / 2018

TASTING NOTES

Vibrant crimson red with hints of purple. Beautiful, intense nose of dark cherries, purple florals, chai tea and a complexing poppy seed note. Very intense palate of bright, fresh, ripe red fruits with tea cake and fresh earth characters all constrained within a velvet smooth tannic framework that adds weight and length and also freshness and vitality. Finish is long and fruit driven with great definition and precision.

VINEYARD NOTES

The Grenache fruit is sourced from low yielding old bush vines at Bethany and Vine Vale in the Barossa which are between 70 – 100 years old. They 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

Solid winter and spring rainfall followed by a warm and dry January and February led to a balanced vintage with good fruit intensity and structure. The moments of heat were short and dispersed and arrived after the majority of the whites were harvested leading to good natural acidity and balance.

WINEMAKING REPORT

Hand-picked when ripe, whole berry ferments with a quarter of the blend getting 20% whole bunch and half the blend seeing 3 months extended maceration. Fermented at 20-26C with daily pump overs. Blended in Jan 2018 and put back to oak until bottling in June 2019.

REGION

Barossa Valley 100%

BLEND

100% Grenache

ACIDITY

5.7 g/L

ALCOHOL / VOLUME

14.7 %

RESIDUAL SUGAR

<1.0 g/L

CELLAR POTENTIAL

5 – 10 years

WINEMAKER

Alex MacClelland

AWARDS

93 Points – Mike Bennie
WBM Nov/Dec 19
95 Points – Wine Orbit, Sam Kim, September 2019 'A gorgeously expressed grenache; the perfumed bouquet shows raspberry, dark plum, mixed spice and floral characters, followed by a silky-smooth palate that is bright and flavoursome. Wonderfully smooth and flowing to a lengthy satisfying finish.'

THE BLUESTONE USED TO BUILD BETHANY VILLAGE WAS HEWN FROM ITS LOCAL QUARRY WHICH IS NOW THE SITE AND HOME OF BETHANY WINES. FROM 1846 TO THE EARLY 1930S, THE QUARRY AT BETHANY WAS RUN BY THE SCHRAPEL FAMILY. TODAY, BETHANY'S WINERY AND CELLARS ARE ENCIRCLED BY THE OLD QUARRY WALLS, STILL STANDING AS AN ENDURING PART OF BAROSSA HISTORY.