

2019 **Western Ridge** Grenache Carignan

History

This is the seventh release of Western Ridge. Giving significance to the place that the wine comes from is integral to the future of the Barossa and, of course, Elderton. The hamlet of Greenock sits on the Western Ridge of the Barossa Valley. Our gorgeous contoured, old and gnarly Grenache vines sit at the highest reaches of the Greenock vineyard, and the tiny patch of ancient Carignan sits among the sandy lower area of the property. When the fruit is blended together, we feel the wine has equal part of ambition, audacity and deliciousness. This is not a wine that strives to be the biggest, but simply a wine of beauty that leaves a lasting impression and a yearning for more.

Vineyard Information

Our vineyard, located in Greenock in the west of the Barossa Valley was added to the Elderton family in 2010 and is a great addition to the portfolio. The 60 acre vineyard has plantings back to 1915 and a terroir that has been in demand by many of the Barossa's elite winemakers. Estate grown on the old Helbig vineyard; Grenache planted in 1969 and Carignan in 1915.

Winemaker's Comments

2019 vintage was difficult, with an early frost and prolonged warm, dry conditions over the ripening period. The fruit flavours in this Grenache based blend prove the variety's tolerance to heat and dry conditions. The small portion of Carignan was picked alongside the Grenache for co-fermentation, to ensure seamless integration of flavours and tannin. Fermentation begins cool, to maintain freshness and ensure adequate time on skins for tannin and flavour extraction. The wine is pressed to older French oak where it remains for 10 months prior to bottling.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style	Stunningly pretty and textural wine, with precise acidity to balance
Colour	Medium depth red
Aroma	Glazed cherry and raspberry with a touch of charcuterie
Palate	Vibrant chewy strawberry fruit with a savoury element. Notes of white chocolate and raspberry with silken tannins to finish.
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar short to mid term



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Grenache 90%, **Carignan** 10%

Vineyard Source 100% Estate Grown, Greenock

Vine Age Grenache, 50 years old
Carignan, 104 years old

Picking Date 13 March 2019

Oak Seasoned French puncheons, 11 months

Alc/Vol 14.2%