

Elderton

2022 Barossa GSM

43% Grenache, 34% Shiraz, 23% Mataro

History

Grenache has been an integral variety in the Barossa since the early days of grape growing in the region. Traditionally used for fortified wines, Grenache was very much battered by the vine pull scheme of the 1970s. Today, it is easy to make the case that Grenache blended with its Rhone brethren of Shiraz and Mataro are the up and coming stars of the Barossa. Partnered alongside the best Shiraz, Grenache blends can make a significant one-two combination punch to ensure the world sits up and listens! This is the eighth release of our GSM.

Vineyard Information

Our Greenock vineyard, located in the west of the Barossa Valley was added to the Elderton family in 2010. 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. Conditions can be tough out at Greenock, with very limited water and some very exposed vines. Composting combined with mulching is proving useful to build soil health and hence vine health.

Vineyard Source 100% Estate grown, Greenock

Vine Age 5 - 107 years

Picking Date 12 March - 6 April 2022



Winemaker Comments

After a couple of years not making a GSM, we are excited to bring this wine back in 2022! The blend is one which falls naturally together, with all the fruit this vintage coming from our Greenock Vineyard. Grenache, the base for this wine, has an ability to deliver sufficient power yet with an elegance and restraint on the palate which is quite unique.

Grenache and Mataro were co-fermented in open cement vats to produce a vibrant and delicious backbone for our blend. We then chose a batch of Shiraz from Greenock to add a little mid palate weight without taking away the distinctly Grenache tone and lovely savoury line in this wine. The wines spent 7 months in seasoned French oak before blending and bottling. The Grenache Mataro component was left on lees for the entire 7 months prior to blending, which has imparted a lovely creaminess to the finished wine.

- Jules Ashmead & Brock Harrison

Style	Bright, elegant, textural
Colour	Intense crimson
Aroma	Spiced plum, red berries and musk
Palate	Juicy raspberry fruits with enticing musk and savoury flavours, well balanced by a soft creamy backbone that elongates the finish
Oak	Older French puncheons, 7 months
Cellaring	Drink now or cellar confidently for 5+ years
Alc/vol	14.5%

