

CLANDESTINE

VINEYARDS



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CLANDESTINE #1

2016 GRENACHE

Region: McLaren Vale, South Australia
ALC: 14.5%
TA: 6.3 g/l
RS: 0.8 g/l
Bottled: May 2016, 4,800 Bottles

The Clandestine Vineyards #1 Grenache is the first offering from the single vineyards project by Vinaceous Wines.

WINEMAKING

Grenache as a grape is versatile, plump, thin-skinned and bush-hardy, but what separates the fun from the indulgent is terroir and vine age. The #1 Grenache was sourced from a treasured site where 93 year-old dry-grown bush vines sit 150m above sea level in the small hilly township of Clarendon, McLaren Vale in South Australia. McLaren Vale lends itself uniquely to Grenache with its maritime climate, and the hot dry summers on loamy soils create the best growing conditions for this varietal. The vines were handpicked & gently basket pressed. The juice was then added back to first pressings, open fermented and finally aged in old French oak hogsheads to calm and round out the vintage after all that activity. It's a gentle approach with big results.

TASTING NOTES

This wine boasts a bright magenta colour with the nose showing spicy red berry fruit with underlying gravelly, loamy characters. The palate is vibrant, revealing cherries and five spice, but as the wine opens in the glass these develop into darker, wild fruits which dance across the mid-palate. The finish is long with a touch of toasty, soft oak tannin.

Clandestine's #1 Grenache is an exciting wine for now and will be an indulgence in years to come. Complimenting a broad spectrum of cuisines, this wine is especially suited to duck or gamey dishes, and matches perfectly with more aromatic and spicier realms. Drink one now and tuck one away for 2023.



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