
SCHWARZ WINE CO.

2020 Schwarz Rosé

Vintage: 2020

Varieties: Grenache 85% / Mataro 15%

Region: Barossa Valley

Due to the drought the Barossa experienced again in 2020, fruit for the Rose was difficult to find. I changed Grenache vineyards for this vintage, sourcing the majority of the fruit from Grenache vineyards in Light Pass. The remaining parcel of Grenache came from a vineyard in Vine Vale and fruit for Mataro came from Light Pass.

Alcohol: 13.3%

Production: 398 dozen bottled 11 August 2020

Winemaking:

The first pick for this year's Rose was Mataro on 25th February 2020.

Typically, we receive approximately three tonne from this vineyard, but due to the drought only 652kg was received. The Light Pass portion of Grenache was picked the same day. These two parcels were processed together, with skin contact between 4-6 hours prior to pressing into a stainless-steel tank. Fermentation was carried out in tank.

The third parcel of fruit was Grenache picked from Vine Vale vineyards on 27th February. This fruit saw very little skin contact as the berries were small and the juice picked up the colour easily. This juice was pressed and racked to two French oak puncheons where natural yeast fermentation began.

Once fermentation of both parcels was complete, one puncheon was racked to fill the stainless-steel tank with added SO₂ to stop any malolactic fermentation.

The second puncheon received no SO₂ which allowed malolactic fermentation to begin. (This process adds mouth feel and creamy texture to the finished wine.) Both tank and Puncheon lees were stirred monthly until blending in June 2020. Once blended, the wine was heated and cold stabilised.

Crossflow filtration occurred prior to bottling in August 2020. Vegan friendly.

Tasting note:

This year's rose has more of a savoury edge, with roses and charcuterie opening up to smashed strawberry, red toffee apple and yellow peach. Walks the line between bone-dry, Provence style rose and something with a little more skin on the bones, with a peppery and juicy palate that's fleshy but tightly structured. Lip smacking

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