
SCHWARZ WINE CO.

Schwarz Meta Grenache

META – An abstraction from a well-known concept.

Vintage: 2021

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 327 dozen bottled August 3, 2021

Region: Barossa Valley

The fruit for this wine comes predominantly from my family's Thiele Road Grenache vineyard in Bethany, planted in 1941.

The remaining fruit was sourced from a 90-year old bush vine Grenache vineyard in the sub region of Marananga.

Winemaking:

The fruit from my family's Thiele Road vineyard was hand-picked on March 14th, 2021 and 100% whole bunch fermented. The fruit was rotated into open fermenters with dry ice and a floating lid put on and sealed.

Wild yeast (naturally occurring yeast) started the fermentation process (carbonic maceration)

Gentle foot-stomping and pump-overs

continued for the next 9-14 days until the fruit was pressed. Once pressed 50% of the wine went into old French oak to soften tannins while 50% remained in tank until blending.

This portion is the backbone of the wine, providing the structure and earthy, smoky characters.

The second portion of fruit from the Marananga vineyards was picked on the 26th March 2021 with 20% whole bunch fermented. Wild yeast started fermentation, with soft pump-overs and hand plunges used to extract colours and flavours from the berries. Towards the end of the ferment the fruit was foot stomped to break any unfermented berries to release sugars.

Pressed after 14 days, it then remained in tank until blending. This portion gives floral characters and minerality to the final blend.

A vegan-friendly wine bottled with no fining or filtration.

Tasting note:

Grenache taking plenty of cues from Pinot here. Pours a medium ruby shade, aromatically expressive with sarsaparilla, woody characters from the significant whole bunch portion, and smoky prosciutto and bacon. Palate-wise, it's fine and generous at the same time, Turkish delight, beetroot, rhubarb, cola and more smoky meats, well-articulated through succulent tannins giving pleasing length and fruit persistence through a long finish.

**Tasting notes written by Felix Reilly at Felix Wine **

Reviews & Awards:

96 Points (4.5 Stars) Winestate Magazine 2021 New Release Wine Show – Top In Class



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