
SCHWARZ WINE CO.

2018 Schwarz Wine Co Thiele Road Grenache

Varieties: 100% Grenache

Vineyards:

The Thiele Road Grenache vineyard was planted in 1941 and is owned by the Schwarz Family, Bethany

Alcohol: 14.3%

Production: 280 dozen bottled 6 December 2019

Yeast: Wild

Oak: 80 % seasoned French oak puncheons. 20% Tank matured

Winemaking:

Picked 7th March 2018, 20% whole bunch into open fermenters. Wild yeast fermentation & gentle pump overs occur to not extract too much from the grapes early allowing extended maceration. The fruit was foot stomped towards the end of fermentation. The first fermenter was pressed at 10 days, second 35 days on skins & basket pressed into old French Puncheons and small tank.

Blended to tank April 2019. Bottled no fining or filtration

Tasting note:

Thiele Road Grenache always displays a thoughtful side to this historic Barossa variety, and the 2018 vintage is no exception. This shows strawberry compote, dried raspberry, fennel, thyme, baking spices and apricot, with a gravelly minerality and some baked terracotta for balance. Seriously flavoured, with spices sewn throughout the red fruits and a satisfying pliancy to the tannins.

Reviews:

Huon Hooke (The Real Review) – 89 points

