

## BACKGROUND

Grenache once flourished on the Upper Tintara Vineyard but along with many other vines, it was pulled out in the 1980s. Ox's dad said he'd rise up out of the grave and get him if he re-planted Grenache. Last year Ox re-planted Grenache on the vineyard, hoping to one day release the Upper Tintara Grenache. If something happens to him you'll know why!

In the meantime, he sources fruit from three old bush vine blocks which are dry grown on sandy soils in Blewitt Springs and McLaren Flat. The three parcels of fruit are blended to craft a lively, aromatic and contemporary style of Grenache.

## 2022 VINTAGE WINEMAKING

2022 was a cool growing season with mild temperatures during harvest.

The majority of the fruit for this wine was sourced from the forty-year-old vines on Natalé vineyard in Blewitt Springs, with a small portion from the fifty-year-old Conti vineyard in McLaren Flat. Both vineyards are wonderful old dry bush grown vines which we've worked with for the last five years. The juice undergoes fermentation in open fermenters with just six-month-old oak maturation. It's unashamedly light, bright and aromatic and this vintage particularly the finesse of Blewitt Springs really shines through.



Winemaker	Andrew Hardy
Appellation	McLaren Vale
Variety	Grenache 100%
Vintage	2022
Colour	Ruby with hints of purple
Aroma	Lively florals, red berries, spice and cinnamon
Palate	Red fruits continue onto the palate with dark cherry, sour cherry and strawberry. A soft tannin structure, a lick of minerality and crunchy acid give into a long length on the palate.
Alcohol	ABV 14.5% Sugar 0.5g/L pH 3.49 TA 5.25g/L

