

S.C.PANNELL

WINEMAKER

# National Touriga 2021

Stephen has long wanted to make a varietal Touriga but dissenting voices in the Pannell Enoteca team persuaded him otherwise. Stephen has won the battle and we are proud to present a dry red wine from this astounding variety. Dedicated to our friends at Womadelaide, its bound to make you move to a different beat.

# THE VINTAGE

Joyous. No stress in the vineyard with plenty of water and heat at the right time. An extended ripening period without disease pressure led to great flavour. The fruit was plentiful and perfectly ripe. What a strange contrast to the previous year.



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Variety Touriga Nacional

Varietal Origin Portugal

Vineyard Olivers Road

Process

Picked mid-March, crushed and fermented in stainless steel with daily pump overs. Gently pressed after 11 days on skins, malolactic fermentation in tank before transfer to large oak vats for maturation. Bottled late May 2022, 8100 bottles produced.

Alcohol	13.5%
Ph	3.65
ТА	5.7
Total Sulphur	57 ppm

# FOR THE SENSES

#### **Flavour Profile**

Structure & Texture

Hugely aromatic: violet, plum, panforte and nutmeg precede a palate of plum pudding, black tea, cardamon, lavender and vanilla. Varietal Touriga is a flavour and texture conundrum; ripe but fresh, dense but light, dry but refreshing.

The concentration of flavour and papery tannins immediately command attention. The mid palate is dry and textural and the finish whilst initially perfumed gives ground to dark fruits that keep the contradictory sensations flowing.

## CELLARING

Up to five years

SERVING

We were reminded of simple dishes like Margherita pizza, Pissaladiere, Gigantes Plaki, Chinese pork and beans or Darth Vader's favourite - <u>Penne all'Arrabbiata</u>

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