

S.C.PANNELL
GRENACHE
SUNSET 100

Stephen's interest in Grenache stretches back to the mid-nineties. Upon arriving in McLaren Vale, a preference for making medium bodied wine led Stephen to Grenache and the love affair began. Given the region's warm Mediterranean climate and proximity to the ocean Grenache is ideally suited to McLaren Vale and perfectly at home with our food and lifestyle.

In 2021 the opportunity to purchase a nine hectare Grenache vineyard planted in 1922 in the heart of Blewitt Springs including two bush vine blocks one facing the morning sun and the other warmed by the setting sun, was too good to pass up. Finally, Stephen had a home for S.C.Pannell Grenache.

THE VINTAGE

The third year of a La Nina cycle; a rare weather event that delivers wet winters and cool summers, favourable conditions for dry-grown vineyards. The yields were small, concentrating flavours, and long hang times delivered tannin intensity resulting in complex, age-worthy wines. Stephen favours these cooler years, and believes they will be ones to watch.

WINEMAKING

Vineyard Block 6, Little Branch Vineyard, Blewitt Springs, 104-year-old bush vines grown on atypical Blewitt Springs sandy loam with ironstone and quartz, at 140m above sea level. Its row orientation is north-south and is exposed to the warmer westerly setting sun. Unirrigated, managed organically, pruned and harvested by hand.

Process Sunset block's 100th vintage began with harvest on the 21st of March. Whole berries were gently shaken from the rachis and sent to a seasoned 5,000L French oak fermenter for twice daily pump-overs. Gently pressed on the 1st of April and settled in tank for 19 days before racking off gross lees and transfer to seasoned French oak puncheons for malolactic fermentation and maturation. Racked once and bottled on the 4th of July 2023, unfiltered and unfined.

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Alcohol	14.5%
Ph	3.39
TA	6.0
Total Sulphur	73 ppm

FOR THE SENSES

A concentrated dark fruit profile of black cherries, blackcurrant and plum with hints of leather, red earth and dark cocoa. Complex and powerful.

Super-intense glistening palate with a rich, densely layered core. It is a complex, deeply flavoursome wine with long, fine, rustic tannins wrapped around a helix of blackberry, sour cherry and spicy panforte. A wine that continues to develop in the glass and hold your attention.

CELLARING

This wine is made with the intention to age, and should do so for more than thirty years in a cool cellar.

SERVING

Decant well or enjoy over multiple days. Enjoy with oxtail stew, woodfired pizza from your local, or anything tomato-based.