

## **2019 Grenache**

### **Review Summary**

#### **James Halliday**

##### **95 points**

From old bushvines in Blewitt Springs, hand-picked by grower Robert Natale, two 2t fermenters, 500kg of whole bunches on the bottom, the balance destemmed and crushed on top, hand-plunged three times daily for 15 days, 6 months in used French barriques and hogsheads before blending. Spicy scented aromas; a classic blend of red fruits and berries led by cherries and raspberries, finished with powdery tannins.

#### **Mike Bennie**

##### **WBM**

##### **94 points**

Highly perfumed red of rose hip tea, cherry juice, violets and a faint Chinese five spice kind of scent. Lovely stuff. Fleshy textured like a rich Pinot Noir, slurpy tannins (though they finish the wine with a smudge), sweet and gingery spice. It's lush and generally lovely and feels very unadorned. Sweet-hearted wine of rosy nature. Nice drinking to be found here.

#### **Gourmet Traveller**

Hand-picked from the old bush vines of the Robert Natale vineyard in Blewitt Springs, this grenache displays fresh, floral aromas with red berry and a hint of cinnamon. The palate boasts juicy red fruits, bright cherries and a hint of spice with chalky tannins.

#### **Campbell Mattinson**

##### **The Wine Front**

##### **93 points**

A single vineyard of old bush vines at Blewitt Springs in McLaren Vale. One sip and I was hooked. Ok so there's some warmth to this but the flavour profile and shape are both A Class. It certainly had me diving in for more. Licorice, blueberry, raspberry and woody spice notes. It's lively, buoyant and generous at once. There's a feeling of luxury to it. But then it's well-honed through the finish too. Scoring it is difficult; that warmth is noticeable but then the enjoyment factor is ultra high. In the end I was 93-94.

**Katie Spain**

**The Advertiser**

This sassy drop as attitude. Think grenache for pinot lovers. Bright, fresh, red berries and a touch of spice and tang on the tail end. It was simply made – winemaker Andrew Hardy let the dry-grown, hand-picked Blewitt Springs fruit shine. You can't miss the hot pink and dark green label, inspired by his signature hot pink shirts and beloved green vintage car.

**Nick Stock**

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**94 points**

A rendering of fifty-year-old, dry-grown bush vines from the Blewitt Springs district, this has a beautiful, floral layer of violet-like aromas with blueberries and raspberries, sitting super fresh. The palate has a very fresh, elevated central core of red fruit that is built on fine, fine tannins. Really elegant. Drink now. Screw cap.