

2020 Grenache

Review Summary

James Suckling

94 points

A fresh and spicy grenache with some gentle, whole-bunch influence, as well as blue and purple berries, some earth and pepper. The palate has innate depth, and finely rendered tannins carry raspberries and red plums long. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

Ray Jordan

93 points

Lovely, sweet smelling engaging grenache from McLaren Vale. A portion of the fruit comes from Blewitt Springs ringing that wonderful dusty savory elegance into the wine. Rose petal and light confectionary characters with a deep and elegantly structure palate. Oak treatment is excellent while the fine sinewy tannins give focus and direction. Cellar to 7 years.

Annette Lacey MW

92 points

I knew I would enjoy this wine as soon as I smelt it, super pretty, perfumed lift from a small whole bunch component with confected red fruits, talc powder and violets and lavender. Lighter in colour but still with the tell-tale warming alcohol, powdery tannins and slippery red fruits. This is a lighter prettier style, showing that Grenache can be medium bodied and still delicious. The alcohol and spice add extra body finishing dusty and warm.

Steve Leszczynski

91 points

Grenache that feels like Pinot Noir. Such a pleasurable wine that's all about sleek delivery rather than complexity. Coming off Blewitt Springs and McLaren Flat sites, this sees 10% whole bunches and six months in old French oak. It looks like Pinot in the glass too - bright and so inviting. Juicy red cherries and raspberries run rings around the mouth. Some earthiness kicks in late with rungs of spice building on close. Super tasty stuff. Drink to three years.

Joe Czerwinski

Robert Parker Wine Advocate

91 points

Aged just six months in a mix of older French barriques and hogsheads, the 2020 Grenache is sourced from Blewitt Springs and McLaren Flat. Gorgeous strawberry aromas emerge from the glass, joined by hints of garrigue and raspberries. It's medium-bodied despite weighing in at 14.5% alcohol, with a light, almost airy feel on the palate, silky tannins and a bright, refreshing finish. Yummy! Drink 2021 – 2025.

Ned Goodwin

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91 points

A meld of fruit from 2 subzones, the warmer McLaren Flat and the cooler, more elevated Blewitt Springs. A conflation of effusive fruit, a smidgeon of whole-bunch seasoning (10%) and judicious time (6 mths.) in older French wood. A sensible approach. Rich, but deft on its feet. Aromas of kirsch, violet, clove and bergamot, with a reductive clutch pushing into a gear of tension across the finish. Decant aggressively to open it up.

Campbell Mattinson

90 points

This is a taut, structural release. Tensions are high. Spice and twig notes but with jubey fruit through the centre. Licorice. And smoke. Perfumed. It doesn't quite have the emphasis – or the gorgeousness – of the excellent 2019 but it yet has plenty going for it.