

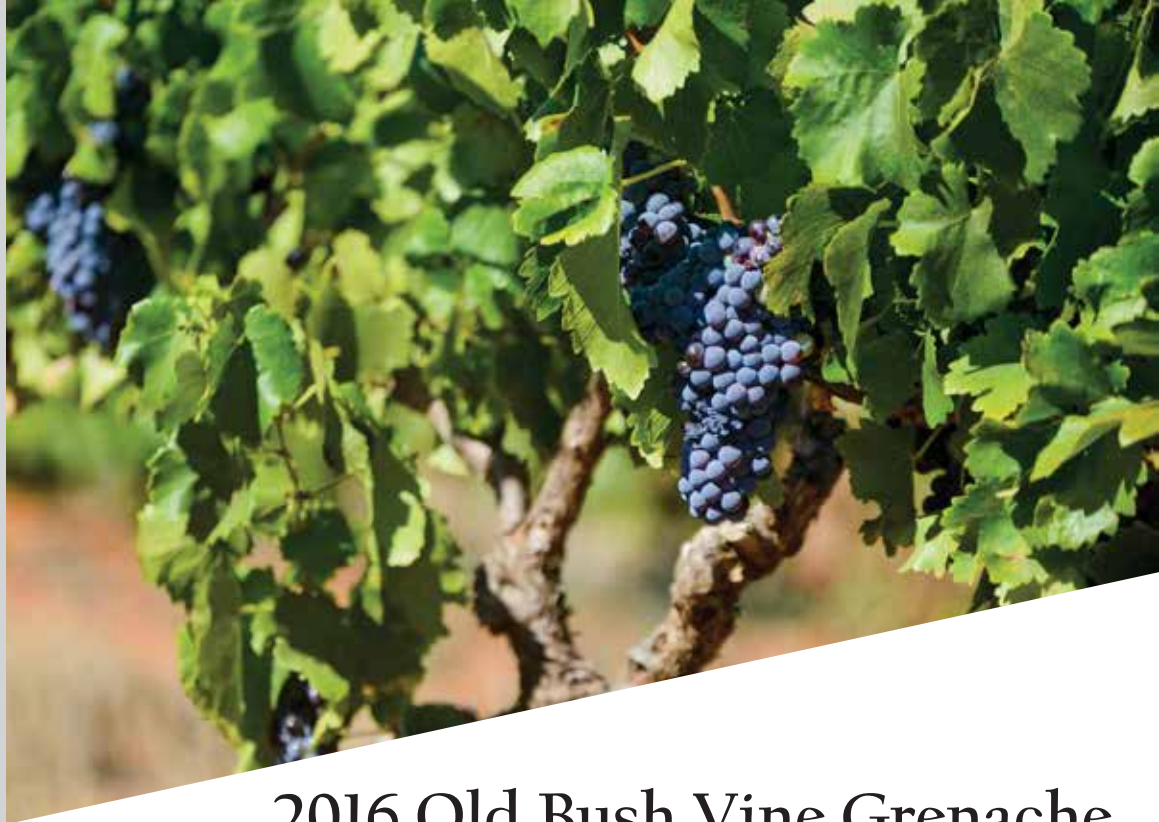


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CLARE VALLEY

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2016 Old Bush Vine Grenache

Estate Vineyard | 1919 Block, Leasingham, Clare Valley // Planted 1919
Rich red loam // Aspect W // Elevation 415m

Winemaker | Justin Ardill, Owner & Winemaker since 1993

Winemaking & Viticulture |

1919 Block is the oldest site within our estate vineyards and one of the oldest within the Clare Valley wine region. The site requires expert viticultural management to ensure ongoing productivity and fruit quality. Cropping is naturally low yield for old vines and this site is no exception with average yields of 1.5T per acre. These old vines are dry grown and require no irrigation apart from natural rainfall, resulting in deep, strong roots which allow the plant to access deeper moisture and more diverse nutrients and minerals. These vines are steady and reliable and less likely to be affected by adverse weather conditions, consistently producing small yields of top quality fruit year after year. The grapes have concentrated flavours, balanced acidity and are hand picked at optimal ripeness. Hand picking is required as the vines are not trellised like other grape varieties, instead they grow as small, low bushes. After hand picking, traditional wine making methods of open fermentation, hand plunging and gentle pressing are used to extract maximum flavour and colour from the grapes. Maturation in French oak hogsheads for 24 months allows flavour and texture development whilst the wine continues to develop in the bottle with careful cellaring for up to 10 years.

Profile | Sweet lifted aromas of dark fruit, pepper and liquorice with flavours of cherry, blackberry and chocolate. Finishing with silky mouth feel, firm tannins and great persistence on the palate.

Specifications | 15.5% alc/vol // TA 6.48g/L // pH 3.46 // RS 2.4g/L

Cellar to | 2028

Provenance |

This vineyard was planted in 1919 by a soldier who returned from WWI and was allocated this plot of land by the government as part of the Soldier Settlement Scheme. 1994 was the first vintage created by Justin Ardill.

Awards & Accolades |

GOLD MEDAL, The Global Grenache Masters 2019

