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CLARE VALLEY

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South Australian wines  
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## 2018 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

**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. Hand picking is required as the vines are not trellised like other grape varieties, instead they grow as small, low bushes.

**Winemaking** | The grapes have concentrated flavours, balanced acidity and are hand picked at optimal ripeness. After hand picking, traditional winemaking 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 5.92g/L // pH 3.45 // RS 1.2g/L  
**Cellar to** | 2028

**Awards** |



BRONZE MEDAL - Clare Valley Wine Show 2023

