

2018 Celtic Clurichaun Mataro



Overview

This range of wine is named for Celtic mythological characters of old. The Clurichaun is known as a bad tempered cousin of the Leprechaun, who resides in wine cellars around Ireland. If you are kind to the creature, he will take good care of your wines but if not, he will drink you out of house and home.

Grape & Region

100% Mataro from Barossa Valley

Vineyard

The Clurichaun Mataro was picked from a vineyard at the Southern end of the Barossa on a perfect site for growing rich and full bodied Mataro. From its elevated position on Trial Hill Road you can catch a glimpse of the St Vincent Gulf, offering cooling afternoon and evening breezes. Combined with the sandy soils over limestone, the Mataro vines work hard but produce some amazing quality wine, the crop level is low but the flavour is full throttle. With small berries the wine is concentrated, textural and complex.

Vintage Conditions

With just below average rainfall, crops were slightly down on the five year average. With the medium crop levels and good vineyard management, the warm days and cool nights have resulted in an almost perfect vintage. The flavours are ripe and succulent with good acid and fine tannins.

Winemaking

With such amazing fruit, extreme care and attention to detail go into the production of this wine. The wine was small batch fermented with wild yeast and hand plunged a few times a day. We utilise varying degrees of whole bunch, pre and post maceration and extended time on lees in barrel, to optimise complexity and quality. The wine is matured in 25% fine grained French oak and the balance to older neutral barrels for twenty months before being bottled without fining or filtration.

Analysis

Alcohol - 15% pH - 3.53 TA - 7.2g/L