

Laissez Faire

Laissez-Faire means "let it be" and this reflects our hands off approach.

Whilst we've learnt from organics, biodynamics and natural wine practices, we're not dictated by one school of thought. We don't subscribe to dogma. You could call them natural wines, but we like to think of them as "post natural wines".

We believe in healthy and sustainable vineyard practices, and a winemaking transparency with as little as possible between the vine and finished wine.

Whereas a lot of wines presented as "natural" can be sourced from chemically cultivated vines without accountability, we grow all our own grapes. Our Grenache and Syrah vines are dry grown. And whilst copper is allowed in organic viticulture, we use minimal copper treatments.

In our Laissez-Faire winemaking, there's no added tannin, or acid, or animal fining products. There is zero sulfur use throughout the winemaking, and only a minimal amount at bottling. We're using alternate varieties and blends to make naturally balanced wines. From vine to bottle, the wine takes its course, hands free.

2018 'IV' Syrah Grenache Mourvedre Counoise

THE VINTAGE:

A dry start to the winter followed by timely spring rains. The summer was cool and mild which allowed fruit to ripen very slowly resulting in strong acidities and deep colours for reds with full flavours and lower sugar levels. A very strong vintage for the region.

Vintage Rating—9/10

THE WINEMAKING:

Fruit selected for this wine was from Waldron, 470 & 174 clones. Hand harvested, sorted and naturally fermented. Little was added during winemaking.

THE WINE:

Black macerated fruits, raspberry, blue berry with minerally slate like quality. Rounded sweet tannins provide support, the fruit flavours connected with the aromas. A focused pallet of tannins and favours providing texture and complexity.

DRINK WITH:

Roasted game with lentils and a red wine gravy.

Vineyard Riversdale
Year Planted 1997
Location Frankland River

Vines per Hectare 1600
Irrigation Yes
Clone/s Unknown
Rootstock Own

Aspect Northern Facing Soils Granite-based Origin Frankland River, WA Variety Grenache 46%, Shiraz 35%,

Counoise 10%, Mataro 9%
Picking date April 2018

Sugar at picking13.6 °BaumeAlcohol14.2%pH3.50Total acidity5.69 g/LResidual sugar0.5 g/LBottledApril 2019Gellaring Potential10years

VeganYesVegetarianYesOrganicN/ABiodynamicN/A

Allergens Low Sulphites