



*Tscharke*

## A Thing of Beauty, Grenache 2020



### WINEMAKING

A blend of different Grenache blocks hand-picked at different times to create layers and complexity right from the vineyard. The early grapes were destemmed and fermented colder to retain floral aromatics. The later picked fruit was destemmed and crushed on top of its own stalks in concrete fermenters.

After inoculation the ferments were managed with twice daily pump overs and occasional chilling. Once dry the wine was bag pressed to terracotta amphorae to complete MLF and undergo élevage. Blending of the different components was done over winter, then the wine was left in terracotta on full lees for a further 8 months and bi-monthly bâtonnaged. 11 months from the picking of the grapes the wine was bottled.

### VINTAGE REPORT

The wines of 2020 vintage are proving to be of exceptional quality, despite the challenging growing season and very low yields.

Winter rainfall was below average but a warm start to spring gave rise to even budburst and minimal frost events. The growing season was hampered by unseasonably high winds that delivered the biggest blow to the season, at flowering. Dry conditions, extremely high temperatures coupled with the strong winds destroyed up to 70% of flowers in some vineyards; Shiraz the worst affected.

The ripening conditions were ideal, moderate temperatures and minimal rain provided very low risk to disease pressures. Supplementary irrigation was critical in nurturing the health of the vineyards and encouraging favourable fruit ripening.

The general quality of wines from 2020 has proven great to exceptional; rich in flavour, strong colour and ripe tannins. Many of the wines formed balance early during fermentation and those well-structured will age well. Standouts varieties include Grenache, Grenache Blanc, Shiraz and Montepulciano.

### TASTING NOTES

*“Stunning semi-translucent ruby colour. The bouquet is a beautiful mix of floral and spicy, with hints of violet and rose contrasted by dried herbs and subtle white pepper. So much life jumping out of the glass.*

*This wine is crunchy, vibrant, incredibly juicy yet textural and with great structure. The red fruit fills the front palate and gives way to a spiced and herbaceous finish. Everything is in balance. This, for us, is as good as wine gets.”*

Vintage	2020
Vineyard	Gnadenfrei North and South
Variety	100% Grenache
Alcohol	14.5% ABV
pH	3.52
Titrateable Acidity	6.1g/L