

Yalumba Barossa Bush Vine Samuels Collection Grenache Barossa Valley 2020

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2020

GRAPE Grenache/Blend

GEOGRAPHY Not Europe

COUNTRY Australia

LARGER REGION South Australia

SMALLER REGION Barossa

SUB REGION Barossa Valley

Rationale

Grenache is one of the best and most unappreciated red wine grapes—there, we said it. Grenache has many homes and faces. It can make extraordinary single varietal wines, as the rich examples of Australia, Spain, France, and the USA all demonstrate. Mourvèdre also blends magnificently, as anyone who enjoys a well-balanced Rioja or great bottle of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a GSM (Grenache-Shiraz-Mourvèdre) blend, can attest. The dry still examples, which are by far the lion share of what is on the market, are enjoyable wines that show jammy grape-forward with a touch of peppery spicy, fleshy and creamy in texture with both red (primarily) and black fruit led by aromas and flavors of strawberry, cherries, black currants, and black raspberries. Barossa is home to the oldest productive Grenache vineyards in the world indeed among the original varieties planted in Australia with many vineyard sites, with Grenache vines dating back to the late 1800s.

Founded in 1849 and with 170 years of unbroken independence, Yalumba continues to make wine at its founder's home estate under the direction of the same family today. Samuel's Collection honors Yalumba's founder, Samuel Smith. Under the talented hand of Louisa Rose, one of the country's most respected winemakers, this wine is sourced across the Barossa Valley floor from a number of special old, bush vine Grenache vineyards contribute to this wine.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright

CLARITY Clear

COLOR DEPTH Light

COLOR Ruby

RIM VARIATION Pink
Stained Tears: None

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry

ACID Med+

ALCOHOL High

TANNIN Med+

TEXTURE Round / Smooth

FINISH Med+

COMPLEXITY Med+

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Strawberry
Condition: Fresh, Ripe, Jammy / Candied

BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Black Cherry • Blackberry • Black Plum *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

CITRUS FRUIT Orange • Tangerine *Condition: Fresh Part: Peel / Zest*

STONE FRUIT Apricot *Condition: Fresh*

FLORAL Lavender *Condition: Fresh*

GREEN VEGETABLE Dark Leafy Greens

OTHER VEGETABLE Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise • Rhubarb

HERBAL Basil • Garrique / Provence • Chicory

OTHER SPICES Licorice (Black) • Licorice (Red)

ORGANIC EARTH Truffle / Mushrooms • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*

OAK INFLUENCE Neutral / Large Oak