

RESERVE GRENACHE 2021



THE STORY

Grenache is an enigma in Rutherglen. An unquestionably great variety, there has never been enough planted in the region to truly gauge its potential. Andrew scratched that itch in 2012 with a three acre planting at the Parola's vineyard. With vine age it is now beginning to deliver on its enormous potential.

THE FRUIT

100% Grenache from the Parola's vineyard

GROWING

An ideal 2021 vintage with a cool growing season through spring and early summer, and low disease pressure. A mild to warm ripening period with settled weather, allowing grapes to achieve ideal levels of ripeness.

WINEMAKING

A stress free harvest with fruit arriving at the winery in amazing condition. Ferments were monitored closely to ensure preservation of Grenache's amazing perfume, and comparatively fine structure. Pressed to an even mixture of seasoned French and American barriques for nine months prior to bottling.

THE NUMBERS

Harvest: March 2021
pH: 3.51
TA: 6.0
Alcohol: 15.5%

TASTING NOTE

Medium garnet, translucent at the rim.

The nose offers a balance of perfumed cherry and raspberry fruit, with a flicker of earth and ferrous ironstone notes.

Fresh and energetic, a ripple of red fruits with sweet baking spices, clove and anise in the background. Long, supple tannins develop through the mid palate. Oak is well balanced - present but not overpowering.

Remarkably well balanced on release, though will continue to integrate over the coming 3-5 years. A versatile partner to all manner of pasta, charcuterie, terrines and rillettes.

