



Spinifex  
Barossa Valley



## 2020 Esprit

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Variety: 41% Mataro / 35% Cinsault / 21% Grenache / 3% Shiraz

Region: Barossa Valley & Eden Valley

Vine Age: 75 to 160 years

Fruit: Handpicked

Viticulture: Organic

Fermentation: Open / Wild / 35% Whole bunch

Days on Skins: 8–20 days

Elevage: 11 months mainly French oak barrels / portion SS

Fining/Filtration: None

*A perfumed, aromatically deep Barossa red displaying a bright core of red cherry, tart raspberry, plum and tamarillo framed by both high toned dried rose petal and violet florals, and hazelnut, mace and blonde tobacco spice elements.*

*A medium weight and focused palate that builds in weight and intensity in the mouth. Spiced plum, rhubarb and cherry flavors on attack turn to darker fruits and savory, fresh drying tannin and plum skin like acids. Whilst strong and intense, the overall balance leans to levity, transparency of flavor and freshness.*

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### THE WINE

The wine was sourced from a selection (eight in total) of very old vineyards, mainly in Ebenezer, Williamstown and Bethany. Vine age ranges from 75, to over 150 years, and all sites are dry-grown with minimal vineyard inputs--old vineyards grown the old way. This year's release is Mataro (41%), Cinsault (35%), Grenache (21%) and Shiraz (3%). Each parcel was fermented wild and macerations varied from between eight and 20 days. Maturation was in a combination of well-seasoned 600 and 1200 litre barrels and stainless steel. Only the Grenache component was fermented as whole clusters. Unfined & unfiltered.

### THE WINEMAKER

Peter Schell and Magali Geli, owners and operators of Spinifex Wines in the Barossa Valley, have been quietly but firmly representing the 'new' Barossa for years, even when the region was still very much the 'old' Barossa. They have traded brutality for detail, opulence for texture, and extra sugar for savory complexity. Both winemakers have spent extensive time in Southern France, with Peter completing six harvests across four regions, and Magy hailing from Montpellier, in the Languedoc, with a string of winemaking ancestors lined up behind her.



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