



Spinifex
Barossa Valley



2021 Papillon



Variety:	86% Grenache / 14% Cinsault
Region:	Barossa Valley
Vine Age:	62 to 112 years
Fruit:	Handpicked / Destemmed
Viticulture:	Organic
Fermentation:	Wild / Combination of vessels
Berries:	Cinsault destemmed / Grenache 50% whole cluster
Elevage:	Sur lie for 4 months in a combination of vessels
Fining/Filtration	None

"I've always been a fan of this bouncy and intensely aromatic blend for its effortless inherent drinkability and sense of space. Purple hued and light of body, it flits around the palate leaving trails of floral-flecked red fruits, souk-like spice and gentle gypsum-like tannins. Playful, supple & very moreish." 93 points, Dave Brookes, Wine Companion

THE WINE

The 2021 growing season and vintage conditions were close to historical averages. Solid winter and spring rains were a great start to the season but uneven weather through spring negatively affected flowering, most particularly in Grenache. The weather approaching and during the harvest was generally mild, dry, and without tribulation. Fruit was harvested in good condition, yields were variable but generally close to average, with wines showing lovely balance, flavor depth and freshness.

Aromatic, herb infused red berry fruits, tart raspberry and red currant notes overlain by delicate rosemary, pepper corn and French tarragon notes. Fresh, mid weight palate of tart red plum, raspberry and currant fruits peppered with dried provincial herbs. Crunchy, fresh finish.

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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