

Brash Higgins



2019 GR/M



Variety:	Grenache 70% / Mataro 30%
Region:	McLaren Vale
Vineyard(s):	Upper Blewitt Springs
Soil(s):	Sand
Grower:	Yangarra Estate, Blewitt Springs
Viticulture:	Biodynamic Certified
Fermentation:	Open / Wild / Co-ferment
Days on Skins:	19
Elevage:	10 months in 100% French 6 yr 500L puncheons

“Pretty nose, floral and sweet fruited. Notes of feijoa, orange peel and spice from the Mataro co-mingles nicely with the lively, bright red fruited Grenache. Medium bodied with dusty tannins, the GR/M strikes a nice counterbalance between the openly fruity nature of Grenache and the darker, more brooding nature of the Mataro.”- Brad Hickey

THE WINE

Two parcels of Grenache and Mataro from a biodynamically farmed site at Yangarra Estate in the distinctive soils of Blewitt Springs along the upper ridges of the eastern flank of McLaren Vale nearing the Adelaide Hills. The fruit was hand-picked on the same day, destemmed at the winery and co-fermented using wild yeast in an open fermenter for 2 weeks. The 2019 vintage was warm, but low yielding, and showed overall excellent quality. Ten months in trusty French puncheons further forged the fine red berry tones of Grenache (70%) with the savory spice of Mataro (30%).

THE WINEMAKER

Brad Hickey (Brash Higgins) is a native of Chicago and a transplant of New York City, where he was an old-school Somm on the floor(s) of some of NYC's most iconic restaurants. After a couple trips to Australia, he picked up and moved down under to live and make wine with his partner, Nicole Thorpe. Together they own Omensetter Vineyard (Certified Organic) where they grow fruit for the Brash Higgins label. Brad also purchases some fruit from local, well-respected Growers who adhere to conscious farming. Brad's style is playful yet precise. All of his wines are made with a light hand, and they exude a perfumed and lifted aroma profile.



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