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2020 ANNEXUS GRENACHE

REVIEWS

**97 points, James Halliday, Weekend Australian Magazine, 29 January 2022**

Open-top fermented with a smatter of whole bunches; matured for 15 months in used French hogsheads. Vinified with the reverence such fruit deserves, from the bright colour to the cherry, plum and spice of the long and supple palate. The finish and aftertaste are positively fresh.

**96 points, Erin Larkin, Robert Parker Wine Advocate, July 2022**

We know 2020 was low yielding, but as an indicator, the production of the 2019 Annexus Grenache was around 250 cases. In 2020? 60 cases. Yikes. The 2020 Annexus Grenache is excellent—there is an infallible harmony to the flow of fruit and tannin across the mouth. It never wavers. First: the fruit characters tango over a floor of salted heirloom tomatoes (the sweet ones in summer), pomegranate, hung deli meat, beetroot and Sichuan peppercorn. Second: the tannins weave and spill over the mouth—they are at all times fine and almost powdery. Third: the combination of fruit and tannin is seamless, threaded together with the invisible sutures of well-played acidity, trailing through into the long and fresh finish. Drink date 2022 - 2037

**95 points, Stuart Knox, The Real Review, 31 March 2021**

Deep and crystalline ruby-red hue. Blueberry, sage and dry clay aromatics. Medium to full in weight, with still shy fruit and spices layered on the palate. Whilst the flavours may be shy there's distinct power and intensity here. The tannins are a fine and sandy grain, with a tickle of acidity noted, bringing tension and drive into a seamless package. Time will see this pinot-esque grenache blossom



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