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2021 ANNEXUS GRENACHE

REVIEWS

**95 points, Erin Larkin, The Wine Advocate, 21 June 2024**

The 2021 Annexus Grenache is a single-vineyard wine from the Stonegarden Vineyard in the Eden Valley, planted in 1858 on granite, quartz seams. This is a powerful wine but delicate too. The fruit is detailed and nuanced, encased in a complex framework of chewy tannins, with poached raspberry and a hint of rhubarb, tobacco and black tea, pressed roses, star anise, clove, a hint of aniseed and crushed rocks. It is undulating and complex, layered and chewy. Very good. A remarkable site and a beautiful season come together in this wine. The quantity was 100 dozen from the 2021 season. 14% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

**95 points, Stuart Knox, The Real Review, February 2023**

Deep ruby to purple at the rim. Blueberry, olive, rosemary, and bresaola aromatics. Full bodied with serious concentration of black and blue fruits filling the core. Tannins have the power and precision to ensure that weight is controlled and as it flows the deep, meaty undertones are revealed. Finish is long and we see a slight lift from acidity, while a hint of dried rosemary lingers. A lot of wine here and will reveal many more layers with time.

**95 points, Dave Brookes, Wine Companion, 6th July 2023**

Grenache from a single, 1858-planted ancestor vine plot in Springton in the Eden Valley; matured for 14 months in older French oak. Geez, we are lucky to have these sorts of vine resources in Australia. Gingery and red-fruited with top notes of jasmine and orange blossom with hints of red licorice, pressed flowers, crushed stone and a light whiff of marzipan. Graceful and pure with lovely palate weight and brisk cadence, finishing long and spicy.



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