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2018 ANNEXUS GRENACHE

REVIEWS

96 points, Ken Garrett, WinePilot, July 2021

If we move to their flagship grenache, 'Annexus', 90% of this wine comes from a parcel of Eden Valley Grenache planted in 1858 (known as Ancestor Vines). The remaining 10% comes from old bush vine vineyards in the northern Barossa. The first vintage of Annexus was the 2013. Tim has said that the Eden Valley vineyard provides "amazing structure and an intensity of fruit and spice but with an elegance that many don't expect from the region". This is the most recent release and, given a little more time, will be an absolute star. Just 250 cases. The colour is a lovely mix of purples and reds. The aromas are of truffles, spices, dry herbs and delicatessen notes, while the wine exhibits a most appealing texture. There are notes of red fruits and root vegetables which emerge over the journey, with a hint of beetroot. It is seamless and supple and there is excellent length here. There are fine, ever-so-slightly gravelly tannins. This vintage is understandably still very youthful though is perfectly drinkable at this early stage. Eight to ten years will see it rise even further and I suspect that in time, we'll think of this as the best in the series so far.

96 Points, Jane Faulkner, Halliday Wine Companion, August 2020

When 90% of the fruit comes off an Eden Valley ancestor vineyard (over 150yo) and 10% off old bushvines from northern Barossa, just take time to appreciate what's in the glass. The wine unfurls with a heady elixir of sweet, briary fruit, gently spiced with a savoury overlay. It is lithe, not too big, yet flavoursome. Fine sandpaper tannins are perfectly poised and the acidity shines. Lovely drinking.

95 Points, Huon Hooke, The Real Review, February 2020

Deepish red colour with a modest tinge of purple. The bouquet is reserved and gently spiced, the palate medium to full-bodied and savoury, with ample but not excessive tannin and good balance. Oak is gently-handled and the wine has density and savouriness without compromising its immediate drinkability. There's a neat core of sweet fruit buried within the savoury framework. It takes some time to open up and is worth the wait. (250 cases made).



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