



*Charlie's*

## CENTENARIAN GRENACHE

BAROSSA VALLEY

2020

THIS IS A SHIRAZ DRINKER'S GRENACHE, MADE IN A BOLD STYLE WHILE STILL ALLOWING FULL FRUIT EXPRESSION. IT'S A WINE THAT SPEAKS OF ITS ROOTS – AROMATIC, RICH AND TEXTURAL, WITH RED AND BLACK FRUITS, EXOTIC SPICE AND COMPLEX EARTHINESS, BACKED BY SUBTLE YET SUPPORTIVE FRENCH OAK.

Charlie Braunack is a true Barossa legend. He lovingly tends a very special block of majestic old Grenache bush vines first planted in 1895 by Oscar Schulz and currently owned by Brian and Marie Mibus. The original block was 3 acres in size, but only 1.5 acres survived the controversial Vine Pull Scheme of the 1980s.

The vineyard is planted in the deep sands of the Kalimna sub-region of the Barossa Valley. With wide 10ft x 10ft spacings and no irrigation, it yields complex, concentrated fruit. Kurtz Family Vineyards has sourced Grenache from the vineyard since 2004, traditionally blending it in to our Boundary Row GSM. Recognising the consistently exceptional quality of this fruit, we decided to release a standalone wine from a portion of the crop, in Charlie's honour.

The Barossa Old Vine Charter recognises and celebrates the intrinsic merit of old vines, classifying wines made from vines greater than 100 years as Centenarian. This is a limited release wine.

### WINE DETAILS

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| VINEYARD SOURCE | Sourced entirely from Charlie Braunack's centenarian bush vines, dry grown in the deep sands of Kalimna, Barossa Valley.  |
| VINTAGE         | Rainfall was well below average through the growing season. Frost, cold nights and winds early in flowering were followed by hot weather in late November and December. The extremes led to poor fruit set and small berries, giving rise to intense colour and flavour. A cooler late summer allowed for long, even ripening and good flavour development. |
| WINEMAKING      | Fermented in a small, open fermenter and hand-plunged to optimise colour, flavour and tannin extraction. Post-ferment, the wine was left on skins for 10 days to further enhance palate length and structure. After pressing, the wine was matured in seasoned French oak for 28 months.  |
| ANALYSIS        | Alc/Vol: 14.5%   Acidity: 6.2 g/L   pH: 3.57  |
| PEAK DRINKING   | May be enjoyed on release or will gain increased complexity with careful medium to long term cellaring.   |
| FOOD MATCH      | Charlie's Grenache is a delicious match with barbecued lamb, Peking duck, quail, roasted red meats, robust vegetable dishes, and pasta with rich, flavoursome sauces.   |

### TASTING NOTES

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| COLOUR | Bright, deep cherry red.  |
| NOSE   | Fragrant fruit aromas of cherry, raspberry, loganberry and pomegranate are gently supported by a background of French oak, with an exotic spicy lift of Szechuan pepper and star anise, and hints of dried orange and red liquorice.  |
| PALATE | A bold, rich, full-flavoured palate with a fabulous balance of fruit, acidity and tannins. Supple and textured, with plush, mouthwatering, cherry fruit that reveals more flavour with every sip. Earthy, savoury notes, exotic spices and black tea astringency add complexity and interest. Fine, long, supple tannins keep the flavours lingering. |



Steven Kurtz | Winemaker-Vigneron

### AVAILABILITY

Independent bottle shops  
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