



RASA WINES

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RASA 2018 **'A Dry Red Blend'**

Winemaker: Andy Cummins

Grape(s): 54% Mourvèdre, 30% Grenache, 16% Cinsault

GI: Barossa Valley

Site(s): Two single vineyards, one in Vine Vale (cinsault and mourvèdre) and one in Tanunda (grenache)

Vintage notes: : A moderately wet winter in the lead up to the growing season, with January and February typically hot and dry. March and April provided cooler conditions allowing nice balance.

Vineyard notes: The cinsault and mourvèdre are biodynamically farmed on Vine Vale's deep sand over clay soils at 350m in elevation. Owned and farmed by Wayne Ahrens and Suzi Hilder. The grenache is planted on hard red-brown texture contrast soils with alkaline subsoil at 250m elevation. Grown by the Schiller family, who subscribe to sustainable farming (one pre-bunch-closure botrytis spray) with a hope to move to organics this growing season. Low yields at 30 hl/ha and vine age of 65 years.

Winemaking: All native yeast and bacteria. No whole bunch in any of the varieties. All fermented separately and hand plunged once a day (infusion rather than extraction) with 40 days on skins for the mourvèdre, 27 days for the grenache and 12 for the cinsault. Basket-pressed then aged in seasoned French hogsheads for 15 months. Only addition is sulfur at 15ppm post MLF and 15ppm pre bottling.

Closure: Natural cork

ABV: 13.3%

LEGEND Tasting Notes: Mourvèdre drives the nose with an ironstone/blood like character. Cracked mountain pepper, a dense fruit spectrum, native herbs, and garrigue. The palate is balanced with tannins that run parallel with red fruit acidity and structure gifted by the grenache. Looks great with some air on it, as the cinsault begins to kick in.

Label design: All label art is done by Andy's younger sister, Lily Cummins, who holds a Masters from the National Art School in Sydney. She visits the vineyards, tastes the wines, and then does a rendering based on her impressions.

Production size: 1200 bottles