

Tim Smith

Mataro-Grenache-Shiraz 2019



Tasting Notes:

A slight twist on the classic 'GSM' blend-where Mataro AKA Mourvedre is the dominant variety. When fashioned in this style, we're not only ripping off the classic Southern Rhone Provence style of wine, we're also crafting a wine that has structure, persistence, and ageing capacity. If you're patient enough.

Production Notes:

Mataro 60%, Grenache 29%, Shiraz 11%

Vines planted 1878 through 1956. Half Mataro (Mourvedre) grown in white sand, 1/4 Grenache grown in white loam, and the remainder Shiraz grown in dark loam. No artificial herbicides or pesticides used on either block. Hand-picked, destemmed and wild fermented in stainless steel before aging in puncheons and hogsheads (all old oak 5+ years) for just under a year. Unfined, unfiltered. 350 cases made.

About Tim Smith:

Tim has a long winemaking history and has made wines under the Tim Smith label for 13+ years. Sourcing fruit from old vines (100+ yrs) across Barossa, his wines are superb expressions of the variety Barossa soils have to offer. Focus is on traditional Rhone varietals and hands-off winemaking. Wild yeast, mostly old oak, no fining/filtration. Total annual production around 5,000 cases.

Reviews:

2019: 93 Suckling

Cellaring:

Drink now through 2030.

The thumbprint on Tim Smith's wine is his guarantee that these wines pass muster. If they don't meet his standards, they are not released.

Barossa Facts:

- Barossa incorporates both the Barossa Valley and Eden Valleys, making it one of the only wine regions in Australia to have neighboring warm and cool climate growing conditions.
- Barossa has some of the oldest vines in the world, having never been struck with phylloxera.