

MMAD

VINEYARD

BLEWITT SPRINGS

2022 GRENACHE

MARCH 2024

SHANTEH WALE
THE WINE PILOT

15% whole bunches fermented in oak and stainless steel. Maturation in concrete and seasoned French oak barrels. Lavender and Forget Me Not florals, blueberry skin and Mirabelle plums. Cocoa nib, Hawthorn and shiso leaf. Crinkle cut tannins and puckering acidity. The palate is linear with the stretch of a slinky. A subtle hint of poppy seed and kampfot pepper on the finish. A wine to outlast many a tik tok trend, this will age gracefully and those brooding spices will unfurl. Drink now but will reward with 5-8 years cellaring. A wine that would look pretty smick with duck pancakes.

96 POINTS

FEBRUARY 2024

CAMPBELL MATTINSON
THE WNE FRONT

This is ballistically good. I doubt that I'll taste anything much better from these shores over the next 12 months. The first thing you notice is the plushness, which is always welcome, but it's the the finish that takes things to eleven. Wow, really, this wine has a show-stopping finish on it. It's blessed with red and blue berry flavours, cedarwood, roasted spice and earth, but itemising the flavours of this wine kind of misses the point. It's like focussing on the colour of a tidal wave. The complete and utter command of the final flourish of flavour and tannin here feels, as you swallow, like a high water mark. I'm sold, totally sold, on this wine.

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MARCUS ELLIS
HALLIDAY WINE COMPANION

The second release of the MMAD Vineyard label, and off its 1939-planted Blewitt Springs vineyard. About 15% whole bunches, fermented in wood and steel, maturation in concrete and large old French oak. Unlike the 2022 shiraz, this takes time to emerge from the glass. It's all there, though. There's a brooding quality at present, with nori, iodine and ferrous notes filtering up through dark red cherry, plum, raspberry and sultry florals. Some spicy, musky characters emerge with air. Tannin is a meaningful factor, a pleasingly natural grape-derived affair, rugged but never rustic. A seriously compelling wine, and further proof of how thrilling McLaren Vale grenache is right now, for both its quality and the unparalleled diversity in top-flight expressions.

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NED GOODWIN MW
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A sumptuously perfumed grenache with no shortage of structural exactitude and the tension that comes with it. Lilacs, tapenade, raspberry coulis, freshly picked strawberries and anise. Dried lavender and rosemary are bound to the tannic latticework. Salty and nourishing, with the warmth of umami across the long finish.

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