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The Bondar Junto GSM is a superb expression of a Mediterranean blend, combining Grenache, Shiraz, and Mataro to create a fresh, bright, and complex wine.

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McLaren Vale, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Rayner Vineyard**, located in the prestigious **McLaren Vale** region, spans approximately 20 hectares, with about three-quarters of this land planted with vines. The vineyard is uniquely situated on the border of the **Blewitt Springs** and **Seaview** sub-regions, each contributing distinctive characteristics to the wine. **Blewitt Springs** is known for its deep sandy soils, which help in retaining moisture, while **Seaview** provides elevation and cooler temperatures, enhancing the balance and complexity of the wines.

McLaren Vale itself is a renowned wine region in Australia, known for its Mediterranean climate, which is ideal for cultivating robust and flavorful grapes like Grenache and Shiraz. The region's proximity to the Gulf St. Vincent and the Adelaide Hills moderates the climate, providing cooling breezes that ensure the grapes mature slowly and evenly .

Winemaking

The **Bondar Junto GSM** is a blend of **Grenache, Shiraz, and Mataro**, with small amounts of Carignan and Counoise. The Grenache grapes come from an estate block and two other vineyards, including the 65-year-old Trott Vineyard in Blewitt Springs and McLaren Flat with vines over 80 years old on sand. The Shiraz is sourced entirely from the Rayner Vineyard, with 70-year-old vines on sandy soil, and the Mataro comes from Willunga on rocky clay soil. Recent plantings of Carignan and Counoise complete the blend.

The grapes are **hand-picked** and gently handled in the winery, with about **15% whole bunches** included in the fermentation to add structure and complexity. The wine is aged for approximately **8 months in large neutral French oak barrels**, allowing the fruity character of the wine to fully express itself without excessive oak influence .

Alcohol :13,70 %

Composition: 68% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 9% Mataro, 7% Carignan, 5% Cinsault

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright ruby red with purple highlights.
- **Aroma**: Fresh red fruit aromas like raspberry and strawberry, accompanied by delicate herbal and floral notes.
- **Palate**: On the palate, the wine is fresh and lively, with lovely tension and flavors of red fruits, fine herbs, and a touch of spice. The structure is light but serious, thanks to the inclusion of whole bunches that add subtle tannins and complexity.

Did You Know?

The term **"Junto"**, which means "together" in Spanish and Portuguese, reflects the idea that this wine is a harmonious collaboration of grape varieties, with Grenache as the hero, supported by Shiraz and Mataro to add flesh, spice, and tannin.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Paella with Chorizo**: The spicy and meaty flavors of the paella pair perfectly with the freshness and complexity of the Junto GSM.
- **Herb-Grilled Lamb**: The herbs and grilled lamb find a harmonious echo in the herbal and fruity notes of the wine.
- **Provençal Ratatouille**: The roasted vegetables and herbs of the ratatouille complement the red fruit and herbal aromas of the wine.
- **Aged Manchego Cheese**: The richness and texture of aged Manchego are balanced by the liveliness and structure of the Junto GSM.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2021)

This 2021 Junto GSM is soft, plump and pleasurable, but it is made all the more impressive by the very fine acidity that wafts its way through the fruit, like curls of smoke. Fresh and lively and compelling drinking right here.