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The Bondar Rayner Vineyard Grenache is a testament to the elegance and purity of McLaren Vale Grenache, offering a vibrant expression of this renowned vineyard's terroir.

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Rayner Vineyard Grenache 2022

McLaren Vale, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Rayner Vineyard** is a highly regarded property in **McLaren Vale**, spanning around 20 hectares with about three-quarters planted to vine. Situated on the border of the Blewitt Springs and Seaview sub-regions, this vineyard benefits from the unique characteristics of each area. **Blewitt Springs** is known for its deep sand soils that help retain moisture, while **Seaview** offers elevation and cooler temperatures, which contribute to the balance and complexity of the wines.

McLaren Vale itself is one of Australia's oldest and most diverse wine regions. Located around 30 kilometers south of Adelaide, it enjoys a Mediterranean climate with warm to hot summers moderated by breezes from the Gulf St. Vincent and the Adelaide Hills. This climate, coupled with varied soil types ranging from sand to clay, creates an ideal environment for growing high-quality Grenache. The **Rayner Vineyard**'s particular plot for the Grenache was planted in 1970 on dry-farmed land with deep sandy soils, facing gently east to avoid the harsh late afternoon sun .

Winemaking

The **Rayner Vineyard Grenache** is crafted from **100% Grenache** grapes, meticulously hand-picked to ensure the highest quality. The winemaking process emphasizes minimal intervention to allow the true character of the vineyard to shine through. The fruit undergoes **wild yeast fermentation** with **20% whole bunches**, adding structure and complexity to the wine.

Following fermentation, the wine is **aged for about six months** in a combination of **ceramic eggs and old French barrels**, which helps preserve its fresh, vibrant fruit flavors while adding subtle texture and depth. The wine is bottled unfined and unfiltered to maintain its purity and integrity .

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Grenache

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Bright ruby red, with a clear and vibrant hue.
- **Aroma**: The nose is expressive, featuring **red fruit aromas** such as raspberry and strawberry, intermingled with subtle herbal notes and hints of wildflowers.
- **Palate**: On the palate, the wine is elegant and savory, showcasing a lively **acid-driven backbone** with flavors of **red berries** and a touch of spice. The inclusion of whole bunches adds **tannin** and extra layers of complexity, providing a well-structured framework for long-term aging.

Did you know?

Bondar Wines was founded in **2013** by husband-and-wife team **Andre Bondar and Selina Kelly**. Their approach blends traditional McLaren Vale fruit with cool climate winemaking techniques inspired by their experiences in the Northern Rhône and the Adelaide Hills. This unique perspective is evident in the finesse and elegance of their wines .

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Lamb Chops**: The wine's acidity and red fruit flavors complement the rich, savory character of grilled lamb, while its tannins cut through the meat's fat.
- **Roasted Duck with Cherry Sauce**: The Grenache's bright fruit profile and herbal nuances pair beautifully with the sweet and tangy cherry sauce, enhancing the duck's succulent flavors.
- **Vegetable Ratatouille**: The wine's complexity and savory notes match well with the medley of roasted vegetables, herbs, and tomato sauce in this classic Provençal dish.
- **Mature Cheddar Cheese**: The wine's acidity and fruitiness balance the cheese's sharpness, creating a harmonious pairing that highlights the best attributes of both.

95 James Halliday

James Halliday (JH) : 95 Points (2022)

Old vines from the hallowed turf of Blewitt Springs. A mid-ruby, suggestive of pinot noir. That idea shifts into a higher gear as scents of dried rose petals, kirsch, pomegranate, blood orange and dried thyme fill the space. Full and intense of flavour, yet paradoxically weightless as it shimmers across a scale of tannin from vibrato to tenor, growing in trajectory with air. An excellent, contemporary Vale grenache.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

The 2021 Rayner Vineyard Grenache is spot-on representative of the quality we can expect from premium McLaren Vale (weighing at a very fine 13.8% alcohol). It is medium-bodied, super elegant, aromatic and punctuated by slivers of fine, saline acidity. It has notes of raspberry pip, red licorice, star anise, a hint of garden mint and blood plum through the finish. This is abundantly delicious. Refined. Classy. Awesome.