



Giaconda

Giaconda 2019 Estate Vineyard Shiraz

Winemaker: Rick and Nathan Kinzbrunner

Grape(s): Shiraz

GI: Beechworth

Site(s): Estate Vineyard

Vintage notes: 2019 was a stellar vintage for Beechworth. A dry winter and spring led up to December rains, which provided great moisture for ripening. Yields, bunch quality, and finished wines all exceeded expectations. Rick himself calls 2019 “a beautiful vintage that has delivered wines of depth and quality.”

Vineyard notes: The estate vineyard was first planted in 1980. The site is 400m in elevation, granitic loam over decomposed clay and gravel. The shiraz plot is north-facing, allowing for a nuanced combination of powerful fruit and complex savory notes. Giaconda has been practicing organic, biodynamic, and regenerative viticulture since the early 1990s; they will be certified starting in the 2021 vintage.

Winemaking: The winemaking process for all Giaconda wines are “hand-crafted according to basically a natural wine making process”. To them, this means that indigenous yeasts are employed for fermentation, natural bacteria for malolactic fermentation, French oak barrel ageing, minimal sulphur additions, and no filtration before bottling. The winery, barrel maturation cave, and bottling facility are all set up for gravity flow. For the 2019 Estate Shiraz, a combination of whole bunch and de-stemmed crushed fruit was transferred to large concrete tanks for fermentation, remaining on skins for an extended period to develop softer, finer tannins and more complexity, before being basket pressed and transferred to French oak barrels (40% new) for ageing. The wine is aged for almost two years, deep underground in their granite maturation cave. This cave offers optimal conditions for fermentation and ageing with a stable temperature of 16° C and naturally high humidity all year round.

Closure: Natural Cork

ABV: 13.8%

Giaconda tasting notes: Dark red to coal black in colour. Notes of damp forest floor combine with a zephyr of savoury meats and campfire smoke, with raspberry and star anise notes lifted by the whole-bunch component. Round and rich with a satisfying fruit-laden palate of wild berries coming to the fore. The tannins are powder-fine and convey red fruits with a twist of spiced vanilla oak, long on the palate. Evocative and immensely complex, this finishes with a strong mineral and graphite impact

Production size: 450 dozen

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