



Ngeringa 2020 Syrah

Winemaker: Erinn Klein

Grape(s): Syrah

GI: Adelaide Hills (Mount Lofty Ranges, South Australia)

Site(s): Estate Iluma Vineyard

Vintage notes: Overall 2020 produced some outstanding fruit, although not without challenges. An extremely dry winter and spring, coupled with poor flowering conditions, gave low vigor vines with an extremely low crop. Fortunately, moderate rain events in mid and late January refreshed the vines and set them up for veraison. The period leading into harvest was textbook cool, Adelaide Hills conditions. The low yields gave rise to concentrated flavors and high natural acidity.

Vineyard notes: On the northern slope of the Mount Barker summit, at an altitude of 420m, is the Iluma Vineyard, home of Ngeringa's "most inspiring and exciting fruit". The majority of their Syrah and Viognier is planted here, facing west on a lean, textured soil of micaceous schist and ironstone over clay on the Nairne terroir (2km from the other Ngeringa sites). Certified biodynamic; no chemical sprays in the vineyards.

Winemaking: 100% whole-bunch fermented with native yeast and aged in older French barrels for four months. Deliberately bottled with dissolved CO2 to protect this minimal sulfured wine against oxidation. No enzymes, no fining, no filtration.

Closure: Stelvin

ABV: 12.5%

LEGEND tasting notes: Acknowledged as some of the best syrah fruit in the Adelaide Hills, the estate syrah, with 100% whole bunch, combines the best of fruitiness and savoriness. Smoke and black pepper marry with brambly boysenberry and Davidson plum (a tart native plum) on the nose. The palate is dark fruited and broad, but with gently guiding structure of soft tannins and bright acidity. Complex and drinkable.

Label Design: Ngeringa bases all its branding and imagery on its relationship to the land: the logo makes the shape of Mount Barker summit and their icon (pictured on the next page) is a circle representing the full moon, making reference to the BD practice and the working with the rhythms of nature, with the she-oak inside of it.

Production size: 217 dozen

Points: 92 Points (Suckling), 93 Points (Wine Front)



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