



RASA WINES

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RASA 2019 'Little Liar'

Winemaker: Andy Cummins

Grapes: 63% Grenache, 37% Mourvèdre

GI: Barossa Valley

Sites: Three single vineyards, one in Vine Vale (mourvèdre) and one in Krondorf (grenache), and one in Light Pass (grenache and mourvèdre)

Vintage notes: Low yielding, however the quality was high, with good expressions of varietal character, balance, and structure. A dry winter, spring and summer with warmer than average temperatures in January and February lead to quite early maturity of all grape varieties in the Valley.

Vineyard notes: The mourvèdre is biodynamically farmed on Vine Vale's deep sand over clay soils at 350m in elevation. Owned and farmed by Wayne Ahrens and Suzi Hilder. James Ehrat in Krondorf grows the grenache. The site is a 25-30yr old bushvine block farmed organically. Hard red-brown texture contrast soils with alkaline subsoil. 315m above sea level. NW aspect. The Light Pass vineyard is 100+ yr old bush vine block farmed organically. Deep sand over clay soils, similar to Vine Vale. 280m above sea level. SW aspect.

Winemaking: All native yeast and bacteria, with only add of a small amount of sulfur. The grenache and mourvèdre from Light Pass were co-fermented with 55% whole bunch, on skins for 22 days. The grenache from Krondorf and Vine Vale mourvèdre were direct pressed and fermented in stainless steel. All racked once together to blend.

Closure: Crown cap **ABV:** 13.3%

LEGEND Tasting Notes: Mourvèdre drives the nose with an ironstone/blood like character, supported by the light herbal and red-fruited character of grenache. Cracked mountain pepper, a dense fruit spectrum, native herbs, and anise myrtle. The palate is balanced with tannins that run parallel with red fruit acidity and structure gifted by the grenache.

Label design: All label art is done by Andy's younger sister, Lily Cummins, who holds a Masters from the National Art School in Sydney. She visits the vineyards, tastes the wines, and then does a rendering based on her impressions. Little Liar (Swainsona formosa) is a translation from 'ngarapanha,' the Adnyamathanha people's word for the Sturt Desert Pea. The Adnyamathanha are from the Greater Flinders Ranges area of SA. It was thought to trick locals into thinking there was water nearby.

Production size: 77 dozen