



# RASA WINES

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## RASA 2020 'Little Liar'

**Winemaker:** Andy Cummins

**Grapes:** 86% Grenache, 14% Cinsault

**GI:** Barossa Valley

**Sites:** Two single vineyards, one in Vine Vale (cinsault) and one in Krondorf (grenache).

**Vintage notes:** Average rainfall through the winter, which was up from the previous year. A chilly and windy spring, with some weather events that created flowering issues, resulting in shot berries later in the year. Dry and cool summer, but with some warm weather spikes in February as grapes went through veraison. Not an easy vintage, but one that resulted in expressive, concentrated, balanced wine.

**Vineyard notes:** The cinsault 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.

**Winemaking:** All native yeast and bacteria, with only add of a small amount of sulfur. The grenache was picked on February 23, 2020 and spent 14 days undergoing carbonic maceration. Pressed to a stainless steel tank for the rest of the ferment and then topped up with the cinsault, which had fermented in stainless steel. Transferred to an old French oak puncheon until racking for bottling.

**Closure:** Natural cork

**ABV:** 13.5%

**LEGEND Tasting Notes:** Aromatics of satsuma plum, muntries (a native red berry), cracked black pepper, garrigue, and exuberant, fresh red cherry. The palate is balanced with tannins that run parallel with red fruit acidity and grippy 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.

**Production size:** 77 dozen