



LA PETITE MORT

La Petite Mort 2019 VMR Qvevri

Winemaker: Glen Robert and Andrew Scott

Grape(s): 84% Viognier, 8% Marsanne, 8% Roussanne,

GI: South Eastern Australia

Site(s): Viognier is sourced from several different sites in the Granite Belt GI and northern New South Wales (NSW); Marsanne is estate grown and sourced from northern NSW; Roussanne comes from sites in northern NSW.

Vintage notes: A strong vintage across the Granite Belt and northern NSW. Dry conditions kept disease at bay, but water management was key. A warm vintage, with sunny days and cool nights, promoting full expression of flavor at moderate alcohol levels.

Vineyard notes: The estate vineyard is 3 hectares at 770 meters in elevation in the Granite Belt GI of Queensland, composed of decomposed granite, sandy loam, and clay on a bedrock of granite. The main block is north facing and sloping with VSP trellised vines running east to west to take advantage of maximum sun exposure throughout the day. LPM does not use agrochemicals as a matter of course. They pay a premium with growers they work with to ensure this methodology is followed for the fruit they purchase. They are active in these non-estate sites: visiting frequently and picking themselves.

Winemaking: Hand-picked and wild fermented. The three grapes are co-fermented in clay qvevri (ranging from 450 to 600 liters in size) and spend 161 days on skins aging underground. Having the qvevri buried naturally regulates temperature and the shape of the qvevri aids in uniform skin (and lees) contact and natural wine clarity. Unfined, unfiltered, with only a small amount of sulfur added at bottling.

Closure: DIAM

ABV: 13%

LEGEND tasting notes: Instead of defusing varietal character, the skin contact here amplifies it. The wine smells of ripe apricot, fresh quandong (an Australian red peach), toasted bunya bunya nut (a giant pinenut native to Queensland), gardenia, jasmine, and button mushrooms. The mouthfeel is rich and supple, but balanced, with moderate alcohol and a pleasantly bitter finish.

Label design: Henri (the skeleton) is the winery mascot of La Petite Mort – representing the unusual nature of this winery, but also the sense of humor.

Production size: 300 dozen

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