

APHELION

brini vineyard grenache 2022



LEGEND
AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

Winemaker: Rob Mack

Grape(s): Grenache

GI: McLaren Vale

Site(s): Brini Vineyard

Vintage notes: Lou and Rob's favorite vintage since Aphelion began. Good winter rains and nice weather during flowering set up the vines to produce immaculate fruit. The growing season was long and temperate with some welcome small rain events to refresh the vines. The resulting wines have amazing length of flavor and great concentration, intensity of fruit and structure. A classic vintage.

Vineyard notes: Sourced from the 85 year-old bush-vines of the Upper Tank Block on the Brini vineyard in the Blewitt Springs sub-region of McLaren Vale. This block has been a staple of Aphelion from their first vintage. Sandy based loam soils, a south facing aspect, and a brisk breeze up the hill provide fruit that gives intensity and a brooding edge.

Winemaking: The fruit was hand-picked on the 23rd March and processed as a 100% whole bunch ferment. After a slow and cool ferment the fruit was pressed to large format neutral French oak where it remained on full lees until racking for bottling in February 2023.

Closure: Natural cork

ABV: 13.9%

Legend tasting notes: Perhaps the most brooding and flavor-concentrated of the Aphelion single vineyard grenaches. The nose presents dark red raspberry, dried lilly pillies, heady tobacco, white pepper and crushed rose petals. The palate is lifted yet layered, with overflowing energy and a long, succulent finish.

Production size: 210 six-packs

Scores: 95+ Points (Wine Advocate)