

# APHELION

wait vineyard grenache 2022



# LEGEND

AUSTRALIAN WINE IMPORTS

**Winemaker:** Rob Mack

**Grape(s):** Grenache

**GI:** McLaren Vale

**Site(s):** Wait 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 Top Bush block on the Wait vineyard in the Blewitt Springs sub-region of McLaren Vale. 1km west of the Brini vineyard, on the northern side of the road. Planted in the mid 1940's, this block is dry grown and provides small berries with intense flavor and prominent tannin.

**Winemaking:** The fruit was hand-picked on the 4th of April 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:** 14.1%

**Legend tasting notes:** The most structured and briary of the Aphelion single vineyard grenaches. The nose presents fresh strawberry, dried Davidson plum (a native sour plum), pomegranate, fresh aniseed, forest floor, and a slight gamey note. The palate provides fine yet prominent tannins that direct the wine toward a long, energetic, and grippy finish.

**Production size:** 210 six-packs

**Scores:** 97 Points (Wine Advocate)