

MMAD Vineyard,
Blewitt Springs Grenache 2022
McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia

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VINEYARD



PRODUCER

MMAD Vineyard is a partnership between Tolpuddle and Shaw + Smith's founders, Martin Shaw and Michael Hill-Smith MW, chief winemaker and CEO Adam Wadewitz and CEO David LeMire MW. MMAD was conceived as an acronym of the team's initials. For many years, this talented quartet had been searching for a site in the McLaren Vale. In early 2021 they purchased an established vineyard in Blewitt Springs, attracted by the potential of old vine Chenin Blanc, Shiraz and Grenache. Just as this team did at Tolpuddle, they have taken an existing site and, through improved viticulture, transformed it into an outstanding single vineyard.

VINEYARDS

Located in the dress circle of Blewitt Springs, MMAD Vineyard was first planted in 1939, and the oldest Grenache blocks date from 1939. The vineyard has the fine Maslin sands found in Blewitt Springs, and is exposed to the fresh sea breezes from the south west. Below the sand is a layer of ironstone pebbles, and this combination of sand, ironstone, and cooling winds gives both perfume and structure to the wines.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage in Blewitt Springs was cool and late. While yields were slightly reduced, the late harvest allowed the grapes to develop excellent aromatics. Temperatures warmed up toward harvest, which assisted the fruit in reaching optimal ripeness.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were handpicked, mostly destemmed (15% whole bunches), and fermented as whole berries in open concrete and stainless steel. They were then aged in used (three to five years old) 500 litre puncheons. The wine was in elevage on fine lees and was racked before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Lovely mild ripening conditions gave Grenache with an intense core of red and blue fruit. The wine has purity and density, but also a lightness that belies the energy and power of the fruit. Raspberry coulis and rich cherry notes sit alongside fennel seed and cumin, and flavours continue to unfurl as the wine sits in the glass.

Grape Varieties	100% Grenache
Winemaker	Adam Wadewitz
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	14%
Residual Sugar	0.3g/L
Acidity	5.6g/L
Wine pH	3.39
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan