

Dandelion Vineyards,
`Legacy of Australia` XXXO Pedro Ximénez NV
Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia



PRODUCER

Dandelion Vineyards is the venture of talented winemaker Elena Brooks, and her husband Zar. Their project makes wines from the Barossa and Eden Valleys, Fleurieu, the Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale. Elena hails from Bulgaria. Her mother worked for a local producer, and so much of Elena's childhood was spent in a winery. By 15, she was well-versed in the ins and outs of the winemaking process, and by 16, she had made her first wine. After formal study and stints making wine worldwide, Elena eventually settled in McLaren Vale with Zar and founded Dandelion Vineyards. Nick Stock, one of Australia's leading journalists, wrote about Dandelion Vineyards saying, "The approach is remarkably simple and sees Elena making wine from a suite of beautiful old vineyards across that blessed curve that runs from the Barossa, up through the Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills and down into McLaren Vale."

VINEYARDS

The vines for this rare XO Pedro Ximenez have an average age of 30 years. Vigneron Carl Lindner's family have been growing PX and producing the fortified wine there since 1944.

VINIFICATION

Traditionally made using artisanal winemaking practices, this wine is hand blended and bottled without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

Deep amber/ochre fading to a rusty orange hue. Extraordinary nose of crème brûlée, citrus peel, maple syrup, almonds, figs and raisins. Sweet and rich on the palate with vibrant acidity and flavours of candied fruit, citrus, apricot, dried figs and toffee.

AWARDS

Sommelier Wine Awards 2013, Silver
International Wine Challenge 2013, Silver

Grape Varieties	100% Pedro Ximénez
Winemaker	Elena Brooks
Closure	Screwcap
ABV	18.5%
Residual Sugar	186g/L
Acidity	7.09g/L
Wine pH	3.33
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl