



2018 Lienert Estate Barossa Valley Mataro

The Estate Mataro is sourced from vines planted at the highest point of our vineyard estate. Mataro is a late ripening variety, and the 'Indian summer' of warm days and cool nights throughout February, March and April of 2018 allowed the fruit to ripen at an exceptionally leisurely pace. Despite being the last fruit to be harvested from our vineyards in late April, the fruit was in perfect condition and picked at a moderate 13 beaumé.

The aim with this wine was to produce a bright, pretty, savoury lighter bodied red similar in some ways to the wines of Beaujolais. Most definitely not your typical Barossa Mataro, nor does it resemble the Mourvèdre of Bandol in France. Here is a wine that showcases the diversity of expression possible with one of the stalwarts of Barossa winemaking over the past 170+ years.

The fruit was harvested and destemmed in the vineyard utilising our method of regenerative viticulture which leaves most of the organic matter in the vineyard to enrich the soil, whilst also ensuring the harvested fruit retains freshness and purity of flavour. The juice was fermented in 2t small batch fermenters at a very cold (for a red wine) 18-22C to trap in as much of the delicate florals in the wine. Manual punch downs 3-5 times a day with 2-3 pump overs throughout 10-12 days on skins extracted great colour, flavour and structure without losing sight of the aim to produce a distinctly different expression of Barossa Mataro.

The wine was pressed to seasoned French oak puncheons for 18 months maturation with malolactic fermentation occurring in barrel with the lees allowed to remain to build more refined structure and add softness to the palate.

A beautifully light bodied Mataro bursting with florals of lavender and potpourri. Flavours of fresh red cherries and strawberry give ethereal freshness and are yin-yanged to the brooding savoury elements of forest floor, charcuterie, wild mushroom and spice. A line of fresh acid gets the palate salivating, and the harmony of savoury and fresh fruit align the chakras in this simple yet complex smashable estate Mataro.'

James Lienert, winemaker

PS: The love hearts? An homage to our father who was a man of style and wearer of boxer shorts. This particular design burned in our child hood memories.

