

SPARROW'S LODGE MOURVEDRE

STANDING PROUDLY NEXT TO THE WOODHENGE GATE AT WIRRA WIRRA IS A CLASSIC AUSSIE RESIDENCE. AFTER OUR EARLY FOUNDER ROBERT STRANGWAYS WIGLEY DIED IN 1924, THE WINERY WAS BOUGHT BY HIS FOREMAN, VERN SPARROW. OVER THE YEARS, SPARROWS LODGE HAS BEEN HOME TO VARIOUS VINTAGE VAGABONDS AND THE OCCASIONAL WINEMAKER. A LITTLE COMFORT AND A LOT OF CONVIVIALITY HAVE BEEN FOUND WITHIN ITS WALLS WHICH WE CELEBRATE WITH THIS LIMITED RELEASE MOURVEDRE.



VINTAGE

2007

REGION

McLaren Vale

SINGLE VINEYARD

Landcross Farm

GRAPE VARIETIES

Mourvedre 100%.

(A native grape variety of Spain also known as Monastrell or Mataro)

COLOUR

Deep purple with a crimson hue.

BOUQUET

Earthy and slightly rustic nose with hints of violets and crushed blueberries, together with more savoury leathery elements.

PALATE

Firm and assertive tannins frame the palate which is dominated by a core of black olives and liquorice. The overwhelming perception is of savoury palate rather than sweet fruit, with a mineral structure to support this.

DRINK

Now to 8 years

FOOD MATCH

Spanish braised beef cheeks with tomato bread, parsley and anchovy salad.

OAK MATURATION

85% older American and 15% French oak. New to two years old.

VINIFICATION

Only 5 tonnes of grapes harvested from bush vines, these were hand picked and crushed into two open fermenters. The Mourvedre was inoculated with L2226 yeast and was pumped over and hand plunged 2 – 4 times daily to immerse the cap for ultimate extraction of colour and flavour from the skins. Once the wine had completed fermentation and dry the wine was then pressed by a basket press.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

pH 3.56 TA 6.3 ALC 12.5%

WINEMAKERS

Samantha Connew & Paul Smith.



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