

TAPANAPPA

2021 B&V VINEYARD SYRAH MOUNT BARKER

In 1992, the Symons family planted Syrah and Viognier on the western slope of Mount Barker at Mount Barker Springs, on the eastern fringe of the Adelaide Hills.

Vigneron Michael Symons had chosen the site for its similar climate to Hermitage in the Northern Rhône of France, the home of Syrah. The micaceous schist geology and soil also has similarities to the aforementioned French region.

The vineyard was named B&V for Michael's parents, Bob and Verna.

For 30 years, the fruit from B&V Vineyard has been grown and made by Petaluma but in 2022, Michael has made available a small proportion of the Syrah fruit to Tapanappa.

For Tapanappa, the Syrah from the 30-year-old *Distinguished Site* B&V Vineyard joins the Riesling from the 50-year-old Bartholomeus Vineyard in Eden Valley as Tapanappa's only wines made from non-estate vineyards.

VINTAGE NOTES.

2021 was the second successive cool vintage in the Adelaide Hills after a decade and a half dominated by hot vintages from 2005 to 2019.

The heat summation for the 2021 vintage at Mount Barker was 1511°C days versus the average of 1585°C days and the small crop of Syrah was hand harvested on the 7th of April, a late harvest compared to the average.

WINEMAKING NOTES.

The hand harvested 2021 B&V Syrah was delivered to the Tapanappa Winery in the Piccadilly Valley where it was destemmed, crushed lightly, chilled to 5°C and pumped to 0.85 tonne fermenters. The hand plunged fermentation lasted three weeks before the tubs were tipped into the airbag press and the finished wine was gently pressed to older barriques.

After malolactic fermentation in barrique, the wine was aged on lees until it was clear racked in January of 2022 and bottled in February 2022.

THE TASTE OF THE WINE.

2021 Tapanappa B&V Syrah has a medium density purple-crimson colour, the colour of a fresh young wine.

The aroma is of ripe satsuma plums and blackberry with the slightly tarry, anise of Syrah grown in a distinguished site. The bouquet is of faint cedar and fresh leather.

The flavour is immediately fruit sweet and finishes with a rounded tannin and the vibrancy of the cool 2021 vintage.

Winemaker-Michael Symons, 16/05/2024.

VARIETY
100% Syrah

HEAT SUMMATION
1511°C (av = 1585°C)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION
pH 3.58
Total Acid 6 gpl
Alcohol 14.9%v/v

CLOSURE
Screw Cap

CASES MADE
196 dozen