

GROOM BAROSSA VALLEY 2019 ZINFANDEL

Variety: Zinfandel (100%) Vineyard: Kalimna 'Bush Block'

Appellation: Barossa Valley, South Australia

Vintage: 2019

Maturation: 12 months, 25% New.

(French 50% American Oak 50%)

Alcohol: 14.9% V/V

pH Acid: 3.57

Residual Sugar: .60gm/100ml Production: 175 cases

This wine is produced from our estate vineyard in the Kalimna area of the Barossa Valley. The area is home to some of Australia's greatest Shiraz vineyards. Known for its unforgiving soils we felt it a perfect site to help pioneer the Zinfandel grape into Australia. The vines were grown in a traditional head-trained method, commonly referred to as "bush vines" in Australia. This training produces lower yields and more concentrated berries.

2019 was a really high-quality vintage but sadly had very, very low yields. The low yields were caused by dry conditions with the growing season only receiving 62% of average rainfall. The double whammy was severe frost in November and then we were hit by windy conditions at flowering just after.

Because of the low yields and very small berries our 2019 Zinfandel is arguably the best we have made. It is certainly the plushest and richest. The nose is unmistakably Zinfandel in fruit character with distinct red fruit characters and some lovely spice. The wine is medium bodied and nicely structured finishing with soft tannins. The slightly higher alcohol than most years gives a nice welcome warmth and fullness on the finish.







ABOUT THE WINEMAKER - DARYL GROOM

Daryl has been named Winemaker of the Year by eight publications including the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Los Angeles Times. Food and Wine Magazine* named him one of 11 visionaries to "change the world of wine". He was also recently named one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in the Wine Industry. He has judged over 120 wine shows across the United States.

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