

OTHERNESS

AN ILL WIND MATARO & GRENACHE

Dan Standish is a good mate who makes some of the most polished and expressive wines from the Barossa. He once lightheartedly suggested that we embark on a collaboration using some of the fruit from our family's Presser Road vineyard. So began a project set upon creating a cuisine-appropriate red wine that echoed some of the characters we find so attractive in the wines of Sierra de Gredos in Spain and in Cru Beaujolais.

VINTAGE

2015

REGION

Barossa Valley, South Australia

GRAPE VARIETIES

MATARO 64%, GRENACHE 36%

HARVEST DATE

23rd & 24th February - 2015

MATURATION

15 months in Nomblot Concrete Egg

WINEMAKER

Dan Standish

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 13.6% | pH: NA | Acidity: NA | 750mL

WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit was hand picked on the 23rd and 24th of February. The whole family was involved, painstakingly dropping all but the most perfect berries. The flavours, straight from the vine were vibrant and sweet. Whole clusters were foot-stomped and fermented before a 15 month élevage in concrete egg, a puff of sulphur at bottling the only addition. Flavours are herbal, smoky and surprisingly complex. Campari and chinotto. Tingly natural acidity and a suggestion of spritz energise the oral membranes. Despite early picking, the Barossa DNA shines through with undercurrents of richness and structure.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

10+ Years

ABOUT OTHERNESS

Otherness is a project representing a series of winemaking collaborations between esteemed local winemakers and Grant Dickson. The Otherness brief is pretty simple: Let's make wines together that we want to drink rather than wines that we know we can sell.

