

bakkheia

April 2018 - Tasting Notes

Tripartite 2016 (French – of three parts.....)

The 2016 Tripartite has surpassed previous renditions. In the past, our Grenache component has resisted rising to the required level for brilliance. With some astute growing system changes in the vineyard the results have now come in. A great soft mouthfeel supported by good soft tannins. The Turkish delight and boiled lollie are evident in the fruit flavours followed by the long savoury finish with the Mourvedre. 55% Grenache, 40% Shiraz, 5% Mourvedre. Grown organically. No fining or filtering. Breathe well before serving.

Drink with confidence until 2025.

pH 3.52 T.A. 5.93 15.2% alc. Serve at 15-18C. Winemaker score 92 points

The Groszman 2016 (The Bride's family name)

Heady spice, cloves, white pepper. Deep colour and spectacular tannins follow from a soft delicate approach. Redcurrant and salted plum.

This will benefit from some further integration will careful cellaring. Drink this in 2025 when it approaches peak drinking. Watch this space.

Only 60 cases made.

pH 3.69 T.A. 5.31 14.9% alc. Winemaker score 90 points

H & B Reserve - Grenache 2016 (Henry & Banjo – our faithful wine hounds)

Some subtle licorice overarching confectionary. Raspberry and the rosehip flavours concert with the brilliant tannin structure and long mouthfeel. Needs to be served at 15-17 degrees for maximum enjoyment. Only a single barrel made.

Drink till 2027.

pH 3.45 T.A. 5.48 15.5% alc. Winemaker score 92 points

Aequitas 2015 (Latin – Loyalty, fair trade....our philosophical label)

Our 2015 Tempranillo has been rewarded with some additional time in bottle. Voted best out of 24 Australian and international contenders at the 2017 St Aidans' Tempranillo Tasting. The aging in the bottle has benefited this wine tremendously and the integration of seasoned and new French oak has now introduced a greater balance into a mouth filling delight.

Ph 3.87 T.A. 4.85 15.1% Alc. Winemaker score 91 points

United & Undaunted 2016 (Motto of the Australia's Navy Clearance Divers)

The bakkheia interpretation of Mourvedre – delivering wonderful bouquet of pot pouri in line with this 100% varietal wine. On the mouth it will leave a lingering and delicious mouthfeel.

Only 60 cases made.

pH 3.86 T.A. 6.07 15.2% Alc. Winemaker score 91 points.

Different Drummer 2017 (From Henry Thoreau's 'marching to the beat....')

Great balance of acid and fruit weight provides a classic with food. Depth of palate and mouthfeel are delightful with grapefruit and peach notes with some nectarine. Some malolactic fermentation during barrel fermentation providing a very subtle buttery taste and then battonage 30% in new French oak, 30% in aged French oak with the balance in stainless tank. If cellared well drink to 2025. We are still drinking the 2009! Serve at 12-15C.

pH 3.31 T.A. 6.59 12.9% alc. Winemaker score 92 points

Chardonnay 2017

A wonderful result and follow on from the 2016. 12 months on new and seasoned oak before bottling. Peach with floral and violet nose. Balance fruit and acid. So very happy with the results Serve at 12-15C. 100 cases made.

pH 3.52 T.A.4.90 13.5% alc. Winemaker score 90 points

Chardonnay 2017 (Reserve)

We isolated and retained the French clones into a combination of fermentations in new and seasoned French oak barrels. One barrel made.

Released in late 2018

pH 3.53 T.A.5.10 13.3% alc. Winemaker score 94 points

Cojones Muy Grandes 2017 (very, very loosely translated as ‘juggling many balls....’)

A Provencal style Rose from 58% Grenache, 37% Mourvedre, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon with a bright delightful strawberry fruit notes from the Grenache and delicious lingering savoury flavours and structure provided from the Mourvedre. Organically grown 100% single vineyard. A wine to be served at 10-12 C with chatuterie and fromage.

pH 3.39 T.A. 4.96 alc. 12.8%. Winemaker score 91 points

The Quarterdeck 2016 (From that hallowed ground at the Royal Australian Navy College)

Single vineyard 100% Shiraz. 10 months in new and seasoned French oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfined. Safe to put away for 5-7 years if cellared well.

pH 3.58 T.A. 5.79 alc. 15.0%. Winemaker score 90 points

The Quarterdeck 2016 (Reserve)

Single vineyard 100% Shiraz. 10 months in new and seasoned French oak. Bottled unfiltered and unfined. Drink to 2025 if cellared well.

pH 3.58 T.A. 5.79 alc. 15.0%. Winemaker score 92 points

Priapus 2014 (Roman minor God of viniculture and sailors)

Red and black fruit and floral notes underlie the varietal flavours of this wonderful Cabernet Sauvignon. Soft, lingering tannins. A lifted nose and full mouthfeel with some licorice and chocolate. This Cabernet is a fine expression of our Terroir and will age gracefully if well cellared out to 2035. We have chosen to release this wine in unique pine boxes for cellaring purposes and is available for sale in six packs only.

pH 3.74 T.A. 6.49 Alc. 14.5% Winemaker score 93 points

What is sitting in the ‘Pool Room’....

2017

- 3 Gold Medals, Medallion (Trophy), at Winewise National Championship, Canberra. No1 Best Red other Varietal in Australia - The Wonderful Miss Gerry (100% Grenache) 2015
- Voted No 1 wine in the Great Tempranillo Tasting (Saint Aidans) against a field of 24 Spanish and other Australian Tempranillo wines.
- Silver Medal at Winewise Small Vignerons Show. 3rd out of a class of 20 GSM Blends.

2016

- Grand Finalist, Gold Medal at Winewise National Championship, Canberra. No2 Best Red other Varietal – The Groszman (100% Graciano) 2015
- 2 Trophies, 2 Gold Medals at Mediterranean Challenge, RAS Queensland
- Best Red Blend, Best Other Red, 2 Trophies, 2 Gold Medals at Geographe Wines Show

2015

- Best Red Wine, 2 Trophies, 2 Gold Medals at Geographe Wine show
- 2 Gold Medals, Australian Alternative Varieties Wineshow, Mildura

2014

- Wine of the Show, Best Red Wine, 5 Trophies or Awards, Gold Medal, Geographe Wine show
- Champion Wine of Show, Best Red Wine, 3 Trophies, 2 Gold Medals, Mediterranean Challenge, RAS Queensland