

GLEN GARVALD

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2023 GLEN GARVALD GSM (Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre)



Vintage	2023
Varietal blend	48% Grenache Noir, 34% Shiraz, 18% Mourvèdre
Harvest date(s)	5, 6 & 21 April (Shiraz); 24 April (Grenache & Mourvèdre)
Bottling date	1 February 2024
Oak Treatment	Bulk of Grenache fermented and aged in a single concrete vat. Syrah fermented & aged in mature French oak vat. Remainder of Grenache plus Mourvèdre aged in French oak (overall blend 0% new), predominantly 500-litre puncheons, for 8 months.
Alcohol content	13.0%
Analysis	<0.5 g/litre R.S.; 3.62 pH; 6.2 g/L TA
Preservative	Sulphur dioxide (220)
Ageing potential	10+ years
Winemaking	Hand-picked from our 2015-planted Estate vineyard blocks of Grenache Noir (PDFS clone), Shiraz (Entav-Inra 470 & Tahbilk clones) and Mourvèdre (BVOMI clone). Destemmed berries (with a small portion crushed) were tipped into a mix of concrete & oak open vats. After a period of ambient soak, natural fermentation initiated. Cuvaision lengths of 3 weeks on skins. Hand or foot-plunged a maximum of once per day.
Winemaker's notes	Glen Garvald GSM takes its cue from the long-standing convention of creating a vinous symphony via blending multiple complementary grape varieties synonymous with France's southern Rhône Valley. Built around Grenache Noir as the corner stone, other historically compatible building-block varieties are added to the mix based on their intrinsic strengths and contributions to the greater sum of the parts. Our fourth release of this time-honoured assemblage of sympatico varieties dips its lid to and raps on the themes of harmony, balance, integration and combined strengths. Nose: Blueberry, blood orange, clove, Earl Grey tea, myrtle-leaf orange, pink peppercorn, tarragon, lovage, red liquorice, lavender, sage leaf, light bone broth, all-spice and baked earth. Palate: Sumac, char siu, musk, pomegranate, rosewater and coconut dark chocolate. Fleshy, juicy, vibrant and spice-laden. Youthful fine tannins and resounding finish. Suitable for vegans