

# THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



## This Charming Man

*Grenache 2019*

*Clarendon, McLaren Vale, South Australia*

### *Technical Notes*

A remarkable site that has vines of 100 years old. The entire site, planted high in the picturesque Clarendon sub-region, is dry grown bush vines and has been farmed by the same family for 3 generations. This wine is sourced from one particular block where the canopy is raised slightly higher above the ground, allowing for better air circulation and increased radiated sunlight.

Hand picked on the 10th March and transported to the winery where 20% was retained as whole bunches to be placed on the base of a 2ton. open fermenter. Wild fermented and gently hand plunged twice a day during active fermentation. Pressed off to 300 litre hogsheads, of which 25% were new French oak.

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### *About this Wine*

On a beautiful hillside in the Clarendon sub-region of McLaren Vale, three generations of the Smart family have devoted their lives to Grenache. Decades have passed where precious few valued their crop and yet they endured. That this remarkable vineyard has sustained is down to one man, Bernard Smart and this wine pays homage to this charming man.

From a near perfect vintage for the site, this wine displays muscular yet elegant silky black fruits couple with deep, rich, warming spices, hints of violet, mineral and black cherry.

### *Wine Analyses*

Alcohol: 14.5%

Acidity: 6.33 g/l

pH: 3.33

Residual sugar: <1 g/L

VEGAN FRIENDLY ✓

VEGETARIAN ✓

### *Vintage Conditions*

Right across South Australia, the 2019 vintage will be remembered as a very challenging one. Very dry conditions persisted throughout the growing season while some areas also had to contend with frost, hail and wind - all of which reduced the crop but helped increase concentration and quality.

### *Score Review*

97 Points James Suckling

95 Points The Wine Front

