

Tscharke

Matching Socks

Touriga Nacional 2018



VINTAGE REPORT

The 2018 growing season had a reasonable start with adequate rainfall through winter and early spring. Healthy canopies were established across all sites and the dry and warm conditions of late January and February kept weeds and disease pressures to a low. February proved to be a very warm month which stalled ripening and it wasn't until the relief of a mild March that the outlook for a great harvest looked imminent.

The late Indian summer enhanced the quality of late picked varieties such as Mataro, Grenache, Montepulciano and Cabernet. 2018 came off the back of two big vintages so it was no surprise this harvest was likely to be down on average with most crops down by 20-25%. The wines produced were very balanced, had ripe phenolics and display vibrant mid palate weight, a spectacular vintage for good structure and elegance.

VINEYARD

The Touriga vineyard is located on our Greenock Creek Estate. Planted in 2008, this is the Nacional selection [as opposed to Francesa]. The vineyard has a gentle sloping westerly aspect. The moderately rich loamy alluvial soils of the vineyard facilitate the late ripening variety.

WINEMAKING

The winemaking was encouraged to express a medium to light bodied fragrant red wine. The fruit was harvested 4th April with a baume of 13, the fruit was destemmed and crushed into an open top fermenter. The ferment was allowed to reach much higher than normal temperatures maintaining a minimum of 28°C through most of the fermentation. The ferment cap was managed by daily pump-overs combined with plunging. Once dry the wine was immediately pressed and retained in tank until bottling a mere two months later.

TASTING NOTES

Bright, ruby crimson with purple tints. Lifted aromatics of fresh rose petal, jasmine and vibrant black forest fruits. A youthful palate bursting with fresh crunchy cherry and juicy forest berry flavours. It's succulent with savoury undertones and finishes with a hint of spice. Light bodied with a refreshing mineral texture. Best served slightly chilled.

Vintage	2018
Vineyard	Greenock Creek
Variety	100% Touriga
Alcohol	12.5% / vol.
pH	3.79
Titrateable Acidity	5.4g / L