

# Tscharke

## Matching Socks

Touriga Nacional 2019



### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 vintage was one of elation as years of sustainable agricultural practice was rewarded with Organic certification by NASAA. The challenging growing season demanded careful vineyard management, with the implementation of under-vine mulching and increased irrigation ensuring the maintenance of healthy canopies, and even ripening throughout.

The extreme heat of both January and February saw early ripening varieties picked in quick succession, before some relief from the heat was offered in March. The bright sunny days and cool nights enhanced flavour development of our Mataro, Grenache and Montepulciano, emphasising motivation to invest into more of these heartier, later ripening varieties in future vineyard developments.

### 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 wine. The fruit was harvested 21<sup>st</sup> March with a baume of 12.5, before being destemmed and crushed into an open top fermenter where we allowed nature to run its course without the addition of yeast. The wild 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 one month later.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright, ruby crimson with purple tints. Lifted aromatics of fresh violet, dried herbs and vibrant black forest fruits. A youthful palate bursting with fresh floral and juicy forest berry flavours. It's succulent with savoury undertones, finishing with a hint of spice and tea leaf. Light bodied with a refreshing mineral texture. Best served slightly chilled.

Vintage	2019
Vineyard	Greenock Creek
Variety	100% Touriga
Alcohol	12.5% ABV
pH	3.95
Titrateable Acidity	5.0 g/L