



Four Roads Grenache 2020

Vintage Conditions

The start of the 2020 vintage was drier than average with rainfall 20% below average, a benefit being low disease risk. In late November, we had a very hot day followed by strong gusty winds, which reduced the crop by up to 50%.

The vines then endured a hot December, but relief came in January, with a period of a 12 days straight of a perfect 30 degrees. Welcome rain came in early February, which helped to freshen the leaves prior to harvest. The result has been wines of intense flavours and colour, but only half the volume of a normal year.

Colour & Aroma

Bright red. This wine has aromatics of fresh raspberry and red fruits with a sprinkling of Mediterranean herbs.

Palate

Old vine elegance from vines planted in 1928. Bright red fruits of raspberry & redcurrant, layers of spice, wrapped up in silky tannins. Savoury oak spice from aging in only 4+ year-old french oak, with a long & mellow finish.

Pairing

Venison, macadamia, cherry

Reviews

95 Points | Wine Orbit | June 22

Gorgeously fragrant and varietally expressive, the wine shows dark cherry, toasted spice, cured meat and rich floral aromas, leading to a succulent palate delivering ripe fruit intensity together with velvety texture and fine tannins, leading to a persistent polished finish.

92 Points | 2023 Halliday Wine Companion | Ned Goodwin MW

A challenging vintage overcome by skilful craftsmanship. While there are molten riffs on raspberry liqueur and scorched rocks, there is a lilac lift, ample red pastille notes and a vibrant bergamot twang to the finish, elevating the wine to a state of freshness rather than the plodding weight of so many. The impressive tannins, a twine of cardamon, white pepper and clove. Very good drinking.

91 Points | Robert Parker Wine Advocate | Erin Larkin | July 22

Technical Notes

Varietal Composition	Region (GI)	Alcohol
Grenache 100%	McLaren Vale	14.0% Alc./Vol.

Residual Sugar	TA	pH
2.0g/L	5.5g/L	3.51

Winemakers

Kate Petering
Mark Maxwell

Winemaking Notes

Vineyards harvested in sections, which were vinified separately and matured in oak for 12-15 months. The three sections only came together when blended for bottling. Cellar in ideal conditions for 5-10 years.