



Dandelion Vineyards
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Dandelion Vineyards, `Lionheart of the Barossa` Shiraz 2014

PRODUCER

Dandelion Vineyards is the venture of self-titled 'typist' Zar Brooks, his winemaking wife Elena and growers Carl Lindner and Brad Rey, with wines made from the Barossa and Eden Valleys, Fleurieu and McLaren Vale. Nick Stock, one of Australia's leading journalists, has described Dandelion as follows: 'Brooks has teamed up with his winemaking wife Elena, a woman whose talents are outweighed only by her tolerance, in an exciting new venture called Dandelion Vineyards. The approach is remarkably simple and sees Elena making wine from a suite of beautiful old vineyards identified by Carl Lindner and Brad Rey across that blessed curve that runs from the Barossa, up through the Eden Valley and Adelaide Hills and down into McLaren Vale.'

VINEYARDS

Grapes are from an old vine vineyard in the Barossa with vines over a hundred years old, many on their original rootstock. Throughout their vineyards they encourage the humble dandelion amongst the vines as they suppress winter weeds and provide mulch in summer.

VINTAGE

2014 saw a fiery start to the vintage, with one of the warmest summers since 1908. Fortunately, mid-February brought 90 millimetres of rain which refreshed all the vines and brought all of the fruit back into superb balance. The next eight weeks saw the most temperate, sublime autumn harvest weather seen for many years. The grapes were harvested during the third week of March.

VINIFICATION

Whole bunches were gently crushed and naturally fermented in open fermenters for eight days, hand plunged twice a day, before careful basket pressing into new (25%) and older French oak barriques to finish fermentation. After 18 months maturation and a racking in the same oak, the wine was bottled without filtration or fining, to capture the essence of the vines.

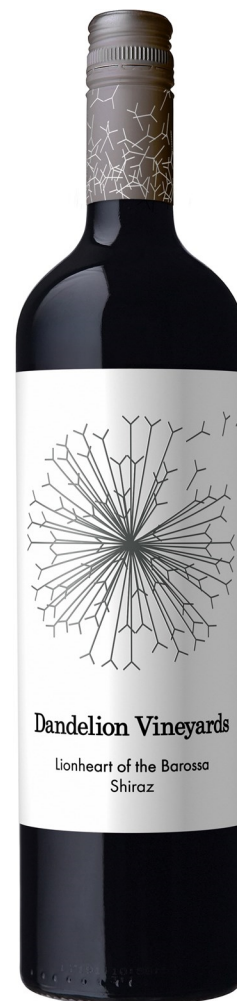
TASTING NOTES

Intense crimson with youthful purple hues. Lifted blue fruits, blood plum, ripe blackberries and Christmas pudding-like spice flow out of the glass with spicy pepper and hints of bramble and dark chocolate. Generous, mouth-filling sweet blackberries, raspberries and plums cover the palate with lashings of sweet spice. Firm but fine tannins and dark chocolaty nuances continue throughout the lengthy palate with a youthful finish.

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VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2014
Region	Barossa Valley, South Australia
Grape Varieties	100% Syrah/Shiraz
Winemaker	Elena Brooks
Features	Sustainable, Vegan, Vegetarian
Closure	Stelvin
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	3.9g/L
Acidity	6.7g/L
Wine pH	3.5
Bottle Sizes	37.5cl, 75cl