

2015 The Thief? Grenache-Shiraz-Mataro

Natasha Mooney

Natasha (Tash) Mooney, one of South Australia's most respected winemakers, has been making wine in the Barossa and Adelaide Hills for over 20 years. She is reported to have virtually invented the Barossa Valley Estate's E&E Black Pepper Shiraz, making all its vintages between 1996 and 2002. In 1998 this wine was heralded by Wine Spectator magazine. Accolades for Natasha's wines comprise trophies at the 2016 International Wine Challenge, the 2015 Decanter Wine Awards, along with numerous awards within Australia.

Natasha is now the sole owner of La Bise Wines. "It is exciting to be the sole owner of a business; the ideas, strategy and winemaking all start and end with me." She also operates under the Wine Architect name.



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Variety: Grenache, Shiraz & Mataro

Vintage: 2015

Region: Greenock, Barossa Valley, Australia

Winemaker: Natasha Mooney

Vinification: Vinified separately and combined pre-maturation.

Alcohol: 14%

Soil: Red soils with ironstone through the top layers and limestone beneath.

Tasting Notes: This is a fun wine, not too intense and nicely weighed with ripe fruit against some spicy oak. Best enjoyed with beef dishes.

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ACCOLADES:

95/100: Wine Showcase Magazine



The Story

This is the legend of my Great Great Grandfather, Walter who was an Australian settler in the 1840's. Walter was asked by his neighbour to tend a pet cow while the neighbour was away for several months. Well months turned into years and the cow died of old age. The neighbour subsequently returned making accusations of theft. Renowned to be a principled man, Walter refused to apologize or to admit any fault which he knew was not his. For this, he was eventually excommunicated from the Catholic Church. This stayed with him beyond death when he was not allowed to be buried in the Melrose Catholic cemetery and was instead buried on the other side of the fence.

I have created this wine to honour the legend of my Great Great Grandfather and that damned cow.

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