



VALKYRIE SELECTIONS



BONDAR WINES



JUNTO GSM 2019

BONDAR WINES || Founded in 2013, Bondar is the vision of husband-and-wife team Andre Bondar and Selina Kelly. Their home is the Rayner Vineyard in McLaren Vale. The estate is comprised of plantings of dry-grown Grenache (up to 50 years old) and dry-grown Shiraz (up to 70 years old), with bush vine Grenache, bush vine Mourvedre, Carignan, Touriga, Counoise, Cinsault, and Sagrantino all more recent additions. Stylistically, Bondar is Andre and Selina's take on McLaren Vale fruit through the lens of cool climate experiences from the Northern Rhone to the Adelaide Hills.

RAYNER VINEYARD || This highly regarded property in McLaren Vale spans around 20 hectares, with about three-quarters of that acreage planted to vine. It's situated on the border of the Blewitt Springs and Beautiful View (Seaview) sub-regions, which provides valuable blending options as each sub-region performs differently depending on vintage conditions.

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BLEND | 88% Grenache, 6% Shiraz, 3% Mataro, 2% Carignan & 1% Counoise

VINEYARDS | Grenache from an estate block plus two growers (65-year-old Trott vineyard deep in Blewitt Springs, and McLaren Flat with 80+ year old vines on sand); all estate Shiraz from Rayner Vineyard with 70-year-old vines in sand; Mataro from Willunga on rocky clay soil; Carignan & Counoise are new estate plantings.

WINEMAKING | Handpicked, the fruit was gently handled in the winery (15% whole bunches) and aged for about 8 months in neutral large French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES |

JUNTO (Spanish, Portuguese): 'Together'

The grapes for Junto are picked early to create a very fresh, bright wine, with red fruits and lovely herbal characters. There's a life to the palate, a nerve, a tension as well which elevates the intentionally light palate to a more serious place. The blend is put together with the idea that Grenache really is the hero, with Shiraz adding supporting flesh and the Mataro spice and structure/tannin.

