

The Best Grenache in Australia?

Halliday Wine Companion 2022



Thistledown Wines named producer of Best Grenache in Australia

‘There is always a flurry of self-congratulatory emails around this time of the year – and I guess that, in some ways, this is no different. The announcement of the Halliday Wine Companion Awards is always a highly significant punctuation in the year for everyone in the wine trade and, in a year when few can travel, and there is a new editor at the helm, the anticipation is heightened.

We’re therefore delighted to announce that, alongside our 5 red star rating, Thistledown’s **Sands of Time, Blewitt Springs, Single Vineyard Grenache 2019** has been named as the finest Grenache in Australia – and for that, we are very proud. But, for us, this means much more than, fleetingly, being named the best.

Our journey began with the tricky 2011 vintage and, since then, we have helped nurture the re-invigoration of South Australia’s signature variety. From a has-been that no-one could sell to the darling variety that everyone wants. We were joined on that journey by the growers that had defied fashion, commercial pressure and aching limbs to endure, to maintain their small fragments of Australia’s viticultural history. We are obviously pleased that what seemed like a fanciful ambition 10 years ago, is now a reality but we are more pleased that the life’s endeavour of those we so enjoy working with, is finally being recognised.

And to you, our much valued customers, we are exceptionally grateful for being patient with our flights of fancy, our obsessions and our unending insistence that ‘people will love Grenache’.

We hope that the next 10 years will be similarly blessed by amazing vineyard sites, delicious wines and a sense that, together, we are all creating something significant.

Thank you’

Giles Cooke MW, Winemaker & Team Thistledown