

# THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



## Sands of Time Old Vine Single Vineyard Grenache

2019

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

Early on in our Grenache journey, we were introduced to Sue Trott's Home Block in the Blewitt Springs sub-region of McLaren Vale. It's beautiful aspect, raised elevation and free-draining deep sandy soils are the perfect spot for dry-grown bush-vine Grenache and we were so lucky to be offered the opportunity to purchase a little fruit. Some years on and we have learned a little about the site and refined our picking decisions and vinification to the extent that from 2017 we were content that we could do the site justice by bottling separately.

### Vintage Conditions

Right across South Australia, the 2019 vintage will be remembered as a very challenging one. Very dry conditions persisted throughout the growing season while some areas also had to contend with frost, hail and wind – all of which reduced the crop but helped increase concentration and quality

### Winemaking

Hand-picked, on the way up, we vinify naturally in concrete and place whole bunches alternately with de-stemmed fruit to create a layer cake. A very gentle, slow fermentation is followed by maturation in oak and concrete before a careful selection is done, which is then bottled unfinned and unfiltered 10 months later.

### Tasting

A faithful expression of the site – beautiful, haunting aromatics, fine sandy tannins and wonderful, memorable length on the palate.

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Total Acidity:** 6.16 g/l

**pH:** 3.24

**Residual Sugar:** 1 g/l

**SO<sub>2</sub>:** 64 mg/l

**Fining:** None

**Vegan:** Yes

**Vegetarian:** Yes

