



# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## BONDAR WINES



### RAYNER VINEYARD GRENACHE 2020

**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.

#### RAYNER VINEYARD GRENACHE 2020 ||

**BLEND** | 100% Grenache

**VINEYARDS** | The Grenache block of the Rayner Vineyard was planted in 1970 - a dry farmed plot with deep sand soil. Within the vineyard block, Bondar selects a specific area for this wine, where the vines receive the least natural water, and are therefore restricted in growth, with short shoots and small berries and bunches. This area faces gently East, so misses out on the hot, late afternoon sun in the summer months.

**WINEMAKING** | Hand-picked fruit, wild yeast ferments, 20% whole bunches, fermented and aged for around 6 months in ceramic eggs and old French barrels. Unfined, unfiltered, bottled in December

**TASTING NOTES** | Elegant, pretty, and savory, the Bondar Rayner Vineyard Grenache is a pure expression of the grape. The grapes were picked earlier than some to preserve the red fruit and herbal components, including raspberry and strawberry, along with the taut, acid-driven backbone. The inclusion of whole bunches adds tannin and extra layers of complexity providing structure for long-term aging.

