

Teusners Wines, Wark Shiraz

Barossa Valley, Australia



Product code	TE16ZZRC
Grapes	Mourvèdre
Country	AUSTRALIA
ABV%	14.5
Case Size	12
Closure Style	Screw Cap
Producer	Teusner Wines
Vintage	2023



Vegan



Vegetarian

Teusner

Producer

A company born from a chat over a pint in 2001. Kym Teusner and Mick Page, overheard a couple of grape growers talking about grubbing up their 85 year old Grenache vines. The guys stepped up and offered the growers four times what they'd be paid for the crop before. This stance is the cornerstone of their business, treating growers with the respect they deserve. Kym and Mick make the kind of wines they like to drink, we liked them too when we visited back in 2016. The wines are full of character, edged with the old vine complexities that we love. It's exciting, after so many years of keeping in touch with progress at the winery that we finally have the wines in Ireland.

Tasting Notes

A lovely, deep, darkly impenetrable, purple/black colour. Deep purple, good name for a band. Blueberries, anise, smoked-meats, Asian spice, really lovely aromatics and evocative things happening in the glass. Deliciously

Winemaking

The Dog Strangler Mataro is sourced predominantly from vineyards in the Northern Barossa. These vines have an average age of 25 years, and tend to yield with moderate crop levels of highly flavoured fruit. Due to its natural upright growth habit, Mataro vines embrace the full sun in the Barossa and are some of the latest blocks harvested each vintage.

Awards

93 pts - Dave Brookes - Halliday Wine Companion - 'Estrangle Chien' (aka the dog strangler) has got to be the grooviest nickname ever for mataro. I've been a fan of this wine for a while, with all its exotically spiced red and dark plum fruits and light waft of varietal garrigue and roasting game. The latest release doesn't disappoint: medium bodied



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with a savoury edge, lovely composed fruit flow and just the right amount of funk in its trunk. Good stuff. 2 Feb 2023.