



Kay Brothers

Basket Pressed Grenache

Press Highlights

2022

- 94 – WINE ADVOCATE, *September 2024*

“The 2022 Basket Pressed Grenache leads with garden roses, raspberry seed, cherry and strawberry. The sweet, floral fruit is backed by fine exotic spice—white pepper, star anise, etc. In the mouth, the wine leads with a purple- and pink-fruited attack that is supported by a skein of sandy, gently grippy tannins. I like the smooth, flowing shape of this wine. Balance and harmony between flavor and texture is rife. This is ripe, and good for it. The fruit is from Olivers Piggery Block, and it was handpicked, destemmed, fermented in open-top fermenters, pressed to tank and matured in seasoned five-year-old French puncheons. It feels lighter, brighter and redder than the 2021, and I love it for that.”

2021

- 91 – WINE ADVOCATE, *September 2024*

“The 2021 Basket Pressed Grenache hails from a gorgeous year in McLaren Vale: long, mild and relatively dry, meaning that the grapes were able to ripen without the looming threat of disease or waterlogging, or whatever other viticultural challenges can be thrown by climatic variability late in the season. The wine here then is both sweet and savory; it has bulbous red cherries and lashings of strawberries and cranberries, sweet plum jam and licorice. The savory register consists of very ripe fruit that verges on meaty, pastrami and roast pan drippings.”

2019

- 93 – JAMES HALLIDAY – THE AUSTRALIAN WINE COMPANION, *August 13, 2021*

“...Hard to think of a better estate grenache than this! Raspberry bon-bon, morello cherry and a lick of briar - and white pepper-doused tannins, sandy textured and thirst-slaking, confer a welcome savoriness. Delicious.”

2018

- 92 – WINE ADVOCATE, *August 2020*

“The 2018 Basket Pressed Grenache is a worthy follow-up to previous vintages. It’s perhaps a bit darker-fruited, with black cherries on the nose, alongside hints of rose petals and potpourri, while the full-bodied palate is soft and silky, letting the complexities of flavor shine through on the lengthy finish.”

2017

- 91 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, *August 2019*

“This wine is named in honor of the winery’s 90-year old basket press. The nose offers up heady aromas of bright cherry, red currant, clove, fresh rose petals and graphite. These follow onto the palate, where crunchy acidity and sandy, fine-grained tannins knit the bright fruit and floral flavors together.”