



MONDEUSE 2019

April 2020



MOUNT MAJURA VINEYARD

Mount Majura Vineyard's hand-crafted wines benefit from the unique combination of red volcanic limestone-containing soils, an easterly aspect and a cool climate. These features are consistently expressed in intense, elegant and complex wines. Grapes are sourced only from the Mount Majura Vineyard, in the Canberra District.

MONDEUSE

With the climate becoming warmer and drier, Mondeuse for us is filling the space left by Pinot Noir. The 2019 vintage is our fifth release, and the area has been increased significantly to 0.602Ha. We prefer to pronounce it as the Savoyards do, rhyming with *furs*. Mondeuse (noire) is the progeny of mondeuse blanche and the obscure variety tressot noir, just as shiraz is the progeny of mondeuse blanche and the obscure dureza, so that mondeuse and shiraz are half-siblings.

2019 VINTAGE

This year we celebrate our 30th vintage. Just like last year, the 2018-2019 was the second-warmest season on record behind 2016, this time with some very hot summer weather. A very dry winter saw us applying irrigation prior to budburst for the first time. January was particularly hot, and irrigation was used to prevent heat damage. Subsequent weather during ripening and vintage was good. Yields were down in most varieties, but quality was good, and once again, the later ripening varieties benefitted from the milder conditions, showing great colour and flavour definition.

WINEMAKER

Frank van de Loo came to winemaking with a background in the plant sciences and has completed twenty-four vintages including twenty for Mount Majura Vineyard and two in France. For Frank the winemaking process starts with the planting of the vines and he works closely with a dedicated vineyard team, led by Leo Quirk, to craft wines that best express the character of the site.

WINEMAKING

Hand picked 9-24 April 2019 at an average 12.4 Bé and wild-fermented in open vats with hand plunging. Matured in older barriques, unfinned and lightly filtered. Bottled November 2019, 203 dozen made. Alcohol 13.0% by volume. Vegan friendly?: Yes.

TASTING NOTES

Our fifth release of Mondeuse shows characteristic spice and dark fruit with a hint of bitter chocolate. There is plenty of soft dark fruit flavour. Medium bodied, juicy and vibrant drinking now or later.

CELLARING GUIDE

Drink now to 2029.

ORDERING & AVAILABILITY

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