

# PINDARIE



*Barossa Valley*

## 2021 Small Block Montepulciano

**Grape Varieties:** 100 % Montepulciano

**Origin Country:** Australia

**Region of Production:** Barossa Valley (Single Vineyard, Estate Grown)

### **Winemaking Notes:**

It's a question of taming the beast! Monte has terrific colour, serious tannin, and generous flavours. So we apply the KISS principle and handle it gently... destem to an open fermenter, pump over just enough to keep it happy, then press; then off it goes for a snooze in mature French oak barrels. We rack it once (to work with gravity to clean it up), but otherwise there it rests until blending and bottling.

**Picking Season:** March 2021 and always the last to be harvested

**Cellaring:** for up to 8 years or more from release

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

**Sugar Residual:** 0.3 g/l

**T.A. (Acidity):** 6.85 g/l

### **Tasting Note:**

Look at that colour! As deep and as crimson as it gets... and it's backed up by a powerful yet fresh, brightly-fruited palate. Is the aroma predominantly berries or cherries? We can't decide... but whichever it is, it's absolutely delicious! It's a wine of structure: firm and dry, with a backbone of acid and tannin that will ensure our Monte will cellar for 8-10 years.

### **Food Pairing:**

Great drinking all year round, especially with a platter of Italian cured meats, strong salty cheeses or a big bowl of true Italian tomato based pasta.

### **Rewards:**

Bronze Medal Royal Adelaide Wine Show 2022.

Bronze Medal Barossa Wine Show 2022.

Bronze Medal Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show 2022.

