



ORGANIC
CIRILLO
BAROSSA VALLEY

When the Cirillo family moved to the small district of Light Pass in 1970, Vincent Cirillo became custodian of a few truly exceptional, ancient vineyard parcels planted in 1848. These are considered **the oldest producing Grenache and Sémillon parcels in the world**, and the prized fruit from these vines has been included in the finest bottlings of some of Australia's more celebrated producers such as Rockford, Peter Lehmann, St. Hallet, and Torbreck. The youngest of four children, current manager Marco Cirillo has long helped his family cultivate and preserve these precious, ancient Grenache, Sémillon and Shiraz vines.

The family farm and ancestor vineyards boast a depth of about eight feet of pure golden sand, a common terroir feature of the Vine-Vale area. Marco and his father, Vincent, remain the only people who have pruned the 1848 Grenache vineyard in the past 40 years! The early 'basket-pruning' style adopted by Vincent when he began meticulously caring for these vines in the 70's has helped the vines support themselves so that they continue producing incomparable and, indeed, unique fruit each year. This situation – in which literally ancient vines are painstakingly maintained to yield impeccably healthy fruit after more than 170 years – this is startling rare.



"THE VINCENT" OLD-VINE GRENACHE *Barossa Valley*

From 80-, 90- and 100-year-old vines, the charismatic **Vincent** is consistently one of Australia's stand-out Grenache values. There's real purity of fruit here, and part whole bunches bring a lifted nose and silky texture. At the same time, a careful mix of older French oak and stainless steel make this Grenache brighter and livelier than many of its Barossa counterparts. Cheery cherry and licorice, with a keen amount of spice and an herbal edge on the nose. This is a steal considering the quality and vine-age.

James Suckling on **2014 The Vincent: 96pts** *"From 80-year-old vines this has a very attractive nose with plenty of wild raspberry perfume and a hint of some darker purple fruits, lightly herbal, really pure and assertive. The palate has a beautifully complete and silky texture with a long and sustained core of fine yet strong tannin; great depth and detail, finishes strong, fresh and on point. Drink now, will age for 10+ years."*

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