



## Little Giant Grenache Tempranillo 'Little Batch' 2019

**Grape Variety:** Grenache 75%, Tempranillo 25%

**Region:** Barossa Valley

**Winemaker:** Nicholas Crampton

**Closure:** Screwcap

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Pack Size:** 6 Bottle Pack

**Summary:** The southern hairy-nose wombat is smaller than other wombats but is stocky, robust and the proud state emblem of South Australia. Like the might of the little wombat, Little Giant is crafted from premium regional South Australian fruit from established vineyards that deliver character and interest well above their size and weight.

Hand-crafted and made with minimal additions and preservatives, these are wines made of the vineyard. The grapes are picked at optimal ripeness, minimally handled in the winery and fruit vibrancy is not hidden by non-essential artefact. Seeking first and foremost fruit expression, drinkability and to be a great accompaniment to food. Don't let the size fool you, these are wines you'll want to drink.

**Winemaking:** The Grenache is a blend of two vineyards, one from Rowland Flat and the other from Vine Vale. Rowland Flat provides the structure, Vine Vale on sands provides the aromatics. The Tempranillo is sourced from Light Pass from a 25-year-old vineyard. All of the wine was matured in large oak barrels 500 litre capacity for 15 months prior to being blended and bottled.

**Vintage 2019:** Later than usual and more low yielding but the quality was spot on for many of the growers and vignerons of the Barossa. A dry winter and spring followed by a very hot summer saw fruit picked earlier than usual. Lack of rain did not add to disease pressure with soil retaining moisture following sporadic rainfall events. Overall exceptional quality with below average yields.

**Tasting Note:** An unusual blend but it makes sense. Juicy Grenache fruit is complemented by the distinctive tannin framework of the Tempranillo making for a very Spanish style of blend. The two varieties work well together, the Grenache provides spice and lift, while the Tempranillo adds savoury characters and textural complexity to the palate. Try it with a plate of chargrilled chorizo.