



*Serious wines
with irreverent labelling*



TWO HANDS WINES
PICTURE SERIES



**2021 GNARLY DUDES
SHIRAZ
BAROSSA VALLEY**

Gnarly Dudes, An unctuous yet classic Barossa Valley Shiraz.

The continental climate of hot summer days and cold winters in the Barossa Valley is broken by a series of valleys and hills which provide a range of cooler micro-climates. The soil is a deep grey-red loam containing quartz and ironstone which helps to produce fruit that is rich and complex in flavour.

The 2021 Gnarly Dudes is deep brooding purple to black in colour. The aromatics are lifted and very intense, notes of bay leaf, dark berries, liquorice, cassis and violet and plum slowly emerge. All quintessential & typical of the characteristics found in the Barossa Valley.

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Nobody calls me Lebowski. You got the wrong guy. I'm the Dude, man.

GNARLY DUDES, THE BIG LEBOWSKI, 1998

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Every wine in the Picture Series has its own inspiration, our own take on popular culture. With some old school polaroid imagery by friend and photographer Don Brice and a quirky back label descriptor, the aim is to bring a smile to your face when you pick up the bottle, reminding you that wines should be approachable and of course... fun.

TASTING NOTES WRITTEN BY TWO HANDS WINES PROPRIETOR
MICHAEL TWELFTREE UPON RELEASE:

“The palate is rich, powerful and penetrating. The wine sling-shots a mouthful of flavour across your tongue and you are left with many succulent layers of spicy and dark fruit that flow. It is holding plenty in reserve and the tannins are fruitful but with a nervy persistence. This really has a strong core but comes across in waves and there is an evenness in this wine and it really is quite a ride. There is so much here to like and this will age brilliantly for the long haul. It's just so well balanced as a young wine from a great vintage. It will enjoy 12+ years in a good cellar, with ease. Defined, proud and succulent” - MT

THE GROWING SEASON

After a few dry years, winter and spring 2020 showed great rain figures 450-500mm, returning back up to what our average rainfall in The Barossa should be. Flowering conditions over spring showed great promise after being able to avoid any frost and fewer strong wind days. Cool, cloudy and dry weather conditions during the ripening period meant that fruit development was slower than usual however showcasing balanced acidity, excellent colour and flavour.

VINIFICATION

The parcels of fruit were crushed into and fermented in 3, 5, 7 and 10 tonne open top vessels. Regular pump overs three times daily were performed during the peak of fermentation. At pressing, the free run and pressings were combined to tank, then racked to barrel for oak maturation. The wine was matured for 12 months in French oak, 13% new, and the remainder in one to six year old puncheons and hogsheads. All batches were kept separate and blended just prior to bottling.