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## TOTTO SYRAH 2018

HARVEST DATE: 3/4/18- 9/4/18  
BRIX @ HARVEST: 23.0 – 25.5  
T.A: 5.8 pH: 3.66 R.S: 0 g/L ALC: 13.76%  
BARREL: 80% new French Puncheons,  
20% old Oak (20 months)  
VINEYARDS: Asylum, Niko Face & Madmans

### WINEMAKING

The fruit for the 2018 Totto Syrah comes from our most breathtakingly beautiful yet most steep and fearsome vineyards; Asylum, Madman's and Niko Face. These vineyards are close planted, dry farmed, often 400 or more in slope and produce extremely low yields of stunning fruit quality.

Hand harvested and careful graded in the winery the fruit from both Madmans and Niko Face are destemmed to vat with 15% whole bunch retained whereas Asylum is 100% whole bunch with a small amount of gentle foot stomping to release some juice for the onset of fermentation. Gently handled with plunging or pump overs twice a day, the wild fermented parcels are pressed off after 30 days before settling in tank and then being racked to barrel and left to mature for 20 months before their first racking to blend.

### TASTING NOTE

The 2018 Totto Syrah has an incredible lifted fragrance driven by the high percentage of whole bunch in the fermentation. A perfume of subtle herbal notes with violets and black fruit and an earthy peaty smoke lift the aromas. The palate is generous yet carries a fresh touch and is loaded with an earthy savoury complexity with grilled peppered meats and dark berry fruit. Totto 2018 is rich and vibrant with chiselled tannins and a long lived structure -a vintage to observe and enjoy for years to come.



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