

TWO HANDS WINES  
BRAVE FACES  
GRENACHE/MOURVÈDRE/SHIRAZ  
VINTAGE 2020



**BRAVE FACES IS A TRIBUTE TO THE GRAPE GROWERS OF BAROSSA VALLEY, WHO FOUGHT AGAINST THE VINE-PULL SCHEME IN THE 1980S**

*"Brave faces face the boardroom, The oak stained walls fall silent, They leave lined with defeat" – Midnight Oil 1981*

*Tasting notes written by Two Hands Wines Proprietor Michael Twelftree.*

**COLOUR**

Very nice dark purple hue

**AROMA**

This leaps out of the glass with a bouquet of dried herbs, sage, mint, rose petal, potpourri, much like trying a fine perfume for the first time

**PALATE**

The palate is all about caressing and rolling moderately weighted fruits. I really enjoy the dry and exposed juicy tannins on the long finish. The wine is very focused on the savoury edge, which is the style of these blends that appeal to me the most. All three varietals are working in a synergistic fashion, and in the end the ride is very soft and seamless. This is a bottling that really creeps up on you, you start tasting it and the next thing you know the

bottle is empty. Yes we have aging potential here but I must say I find its youthful exuberance stage pretty hard to resist. Beep, Beep Beep, back up the truck. – MT

**WINEMAKING**

The majority of the batches were de-stemmed and crushed to open top fermenters. The Shiraz was pumped over three times daily through the peak of fermentation, whereas the Grenache and Mourvèdre, after a few days cold soak, were lightly plunged.

Average time 'on-skins' was 15 days. Grenache parcels were fermented with 20% whole bunches. All pressings were added back to the free run. Some barrels had extended lees contact through maturation.

**MATURATION**

Aged for 12 months in a combination of concrete and older puncheon and hogsheads.

**CELLAR POTENTIAL**

Great drinking now with potential for short to medium term cellaring of five to ten years

**REGION**

Barossa Valley, South Australia

