

## Grenache & “Rhône” Blends

**W**e often wonder about the use of the term “Rhône” Blends for Australian wine, but the south of France is where combinations of grenache and/or shiraz and/or mourvèdre originated. Our notes are combined here with those of our grenache category which can, by law, contain up to 15% of other grape varieties. Both classes delighted us.

**2022 Arila Gardens Old Vine Barossa Shiraz Grenache** This blend, from the Moppa sub-region, is an eye-catching bright purple. The vibrant powerful, floral/red berry nose then comes as no surprise, and the firm, beautifully balanced palate is impressively long. (\$150.00 – Sold Out) ★★★★★

<https://www.arilagardens.com/product/2022-arila-gardens-old-vine-shiraz-grenache/>



**2022 Sons of Eden Notus Old Vine Barossa Valley Grenache** A delightfully fragrant grenache that is intense but elegant and “juicy”, as described by one judge. In short, it’s everything a grenache should be. (\$48.00) ★★★★★

<https://sonsofeden.com/wine/2022-notus-barossa-valley-grenache/>

**2022 Sons of Eden East of Eden Barossa Valley Grenache** Fresh raspberry aromatics supported by strongly varietal flavour and fine tannins. A bright, pretty style that is soft and cuddly. (\$25.00)

★★★★☆

<https://sonsofeden.com/>

**2022 Bourke & Travers Clare Valley Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre** The vivid red/purple hue is certainly eye-catching, and the vibrant red berry flavour is intense, long and spicy. (\$35.00) ★★★★★

<https://www.bourkeandtravers.com/wine/2022-gsm>

**2022 Stage Door Wine Co Grenache Shiraz Mataro** Bright light purple. Fragrant, red berry. Fine tannins. Long finish. (Not yet available)

★★★★☆

<https://stagedoorwineco.com.au/>

**2022 Laissez Faire Grenache (Larry Cherubino)** Red berry aromatics with a whiff of white pepper. Ripe flavour is supported by persistent balanced tannins. (\$44.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.larrycherubino.com/Wine/Laissez-Faire>

**2022 Moppity Vineyards Atrius Shiraz Grenache Mourvèdre** Light bright colour. Fragrant, rose petal scent of grenache. Fine and firm, with good length. (\$27.00) ★★★★★  
<https://www.thewinecollective.com.au/products/2022-atrui-shiraz-grenache-mouvedre>

**2022 Willow Bridge Estate Geographe Grenache Shiraz Mataro** Intense, fresh blackberry nose with hints of vanilla. A substantial blend. (Sold out) ★★★★★

2022 Kaesler The Fave Grenache ★★★★★

2022 Willunga 100 Smart Vineyard Clarendon Grenache ★★★★★

2022 Naked Run The Aldo Grenache ★★★★★

2021 Sons of Eden Kennedy Barossa Grenache Shiraz Mourvèdre  
★★★★★

2021 Pikes Assemblage GSM ★★★★★

2022 XO Wine Co Small Batch Grenache ★★★★★

2022 Willunga 100 Trott Vineyard Blewitt Springs Grenache ★★★★★

2022 Brothers At War Peacekeeper Grenache ★★★★★

2022 Sew & Sew McLaren Vale GSM ★★★★★

2022 Bleasdale The Wild Fig ★★★★★

2022 Bleasdale Wellington Road GSM ★★★

2021 Laissez Faire IV ★★★

2022 Starrs Reach Vineyard Slipstream Grenache ★★

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