



## Thistledown, Australia

Masters of Wine, Giles Cooke & Fergal Tynan, founded Thistledown Wines in 2010 after discovering iconic vineyard sites in the McLaren Vale, Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills.

They make hand-made, small batch wines that perfectly illustrate the benefits of great sites and intelligent, minimalist winemaking.

### Viticulture

Thistledown works closely with a diverse group of growers across the Barossa, McLaren Vale, Adelaide Hills and Langhorne Creek regions of South Australia and seeks out growers whose fruit is capable of expressing balance, varietal expression and a keen sense of place. In general, Thistledown sources fruit that is grown at about 3 tons per acre which we believe provides us with the optimal combination of concentration, fruit purity and balance. The regions of Barossa and McLaren Vale are blessed with a multitude of soil structures and we like to work with fruit that displays the effects of the changing nature of the soil explicitly - be that the rich, deep terra rossa soils of the Barossa Valley floor or the undulating, sandy soils of Blewitt Springs in McLaren Vale. Much is talked about the role of old vines and they are indeed a fabulous resource. However, they are not a guarantee of quality and in some years, having a trellised, judiciously irrigated middle aged vine may well provide wine of better balance than a dry grown old vine. We therefore like to work with a spread of trellised and bush vine vineyards, old and new, dry grown and irrigated. The consistent factor must be limited yields and balance.

### Winemaking

Giles Cooke MW and Fergal Tynan MW, with the helping hand of Peter Leske, craft lithe, energetic wines that illustrate the benefits of great sites and intelligent, low-intervention winemaking. Giles and Fergal share a particular passion for Grenache and, in ever more detail, Thistledown continue to unpick the rich patchwork of South Australian Grenache – reassembling it in their own inimitable style. This unique blend of superb fruit sources and experience in both the New and the Old Worlds helps craft wine of subtlety, texture and detail – wines perfectly suited to complement rather than overwhelm fine food. In one of the most geologically diverse regions in the world, Grenache thrives but has not always been valued – until now.

### Highlights

- Thistledown is committed to showcasing the diversity and beauty of the region through wines which faithfully translate vineyard site to bottle.
- All growers are paid a fair price to enable them to maintain their vineyards and invest in progressive vineyard management practices.

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## Thistledown Their Wines >

Item	Vintage		Pack size (cl)
4093	2023	Thistledown, Gorgeous Grenache White, South Australia, Australia	12 x 75
3641	2022	Thistledown, Gorgeous Grenache Rosé, South Australia	12 x 75
3059	2021	Thistledown, Gorgeous Grenache, South Australia, Australia	12 x 75
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4431	2022	Thistledown, Gorgeous Old Vine Shiraz, South Australia, Australia	12 x 75
2942	2022	Thistledown, The Great Escape Chardonnay, Eden Valley, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
2942	2023	Thistledown, The Great Escape Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
4777	2022	Thistledown, Walking With Kings Roussanne-Grenache Blanc, Australia	6 x 75
3484	2022	Thistledown, Cunning Plan Shiraz, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
2943	2022	Thistledown, Thorny Devil Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
2943	2023	Thistledown, Thorny Devil Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
3455	2021	Thistledown, The Quickening Shiraz, Eden & Ebenezer, Barossa South Australia	6 x 75
2114	2022	Thistledown, She's Electric Single Vineyard Old Vine Grenache, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
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3107	2022	Thistledown, The Vagabond Old Vine Grenache, Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
4516	2021	Thistledown, Fool On The Hill Grenache, Eden Valley, Australia	6 x 75
4516	2022	Thistledown, Fool On The Hill Grenache, Eden Valley, Australia	6 x 75
3486	2022	Thistledown, This Charming Man Single Vineyard Old Vine Grenache, Clarendon, McLaren Vale, South Australia	6 x 75
2875	2022	Thistledown, Sands of Time Single Vineyard Old Vine Grenache, Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale, Australia	6 x 75
3848	2019	Thistledown, Where Eagles Dare Single Vineyard Shiraz, Eden Valley, Barossa, Australia	6 x 75
3848	2020	Thistledown, Where Eagles Dare Single Vineyard Shiraz, Eden Valley, Barossa, Australia	6 x 75
3848	2021	Thistledown, Where Eagles Dare Single Vineyard Shiraz, Eden Valley, Barossa, Australia	6 x 75
2614	2021	Thistledown, Bachelor's Block Single Site Shiraz, Ebenezer, Barossa Valley, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
2723	2019	Thistledown, Suilven Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
2723	2021	Thistledown, Suilven Chardonnay, Adelaide Hills, South Australia, Australia	6 x 75
3769	2018	Thistledown, The Distant Light Grenache- Shiraz, McLaren Vale & Barossa, Australia	6 x 75
3769	2020	Thistledown, The Distant Light Shiraz- Grenache, McLaren Vale & Barossa, Australia	6 x 75

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