



Jamsheed 'Nouveau' Syrah

Yarra Valley - Australia 2017

Ancient writings tell an endearing tale of Jamsheed, a Persian king who was said to be able to see his kingdom in a cup of wine, and whose fondness for fresh grapes lead him to store them in jars over winter where they would inevitably spontaneously ferment and be set aside as 'poison'. One of King Jamsheed's harem, despairing of frequent migraines, chooses to commit suicide by drinking from a poisoned jar. She wakes to find herself cured, informing her king who is most pleased and sets about making many jars of 'poison' and thus wine was discovered.

Gary Mills is the visionary, brains and hands behind Jamsheed. His passion took him to the States for what started as a five-week harvest intern at Ridge Vineyards in Santa Cruz and turned into a two year full time position under the tutelage of winemaking legend Paul Draper.

Mill's self-confessed 'park wine' is drawn from Spring Lane Vineyard in the Yarra Valley. This is one of his three 'seasonal' 2017s; a trio of joyful, thirst quenching numbers made to be drunk in the Spring and Summer (and won't last long due to their limited production). Think Australian "Beaujolais" for North America's Spring awakening.

The grapes are handpicked and fermented as whole bunches (carbonic maceration) for 30 days, then pressed to old oak and stainless steel for 2 months, bottled unfinned and unfiltered. The word 'gulpable' leaps to mind due to its juicy, bright and playful characteristics. Gary suggests lightly chilling it down before enjoying.

Composition

100% Syrah

Vine Age

25 years old

Soil Type

Grey Duplex Loam

Yields

2 tons per acre

Élevage

2 months in French oak & stainless steel

Production

250 cases

Tasting Notes

“ Warm spice, red currants, touch of dried fruit, burned orange peel, savory qualities abound. Crunchy textured red of sparkly, reddish fruit characters, lots of savory spice, some earthy notes. It has some complexity amongst the juiciness and frivolity. Lots to like here. Chill, and away you go. ”

Reviews

The Wine Front (Mike Bennie) | 91 points