



Some Young Punks 'Passion Has Red Lips'

McLaren Vale - Australia 2014

Blame the booze. The whiff and the swill did them in and all that was left to do was to make more. In many ways the wines that weren't worth the pull on the cork caused this as much as the wines that will never have the pleasure of being decorked again. This is Passion, a monster bigger than the three punks that leads them to soapbox, grandstand and sometimes pass out on the couch.

The ethos is simple, self-centered and just a little arrogant - Make charismatic wines that are true to what 'wine' should be about. If someone doesn't like the way we do it then they had better put the bottle down because there's already not enough to go around.

Each wine, each vintage, and each label is a moment that will never come again - a winemaker should only ever promise to be consistently good, never just consistent. Each time a wine is produced it may be the last wine made - and if it isn't worthy of being the last then it will never wear the Some Young Punks name.

The image on the label is directly from a classic pulp fiction novel entitled 'Sin on Wheels.' This might as well be 'Sin in Glass.' It's real simple. Three easy steps to unadulterated pleasure. Turn. Splash. Savor. Unfiltered confessions flow with each sip of this passionate glowing red. Sourced from nine sites in McLaren Vale, this is a 'classic' South Australia blend for sure.

2014 was a warm (read hot) final stretch to the growing season marked by quite a bit of pre-harvest rain that scared the bejesus out of farmers and winemakers alike. In typical Aussie fashion lots of beers and waiting were followed by the absolute perfect end to the vintage with moderate temps and dry light winds. The result was a ripe vintage with high natural acid...disaster was avoided of high heat and tons of rain - good things came to those who waited.

Following the style of the 2013, the '14 has even less oak and bright, fruitful flavors and acidity. The juice spent between 6 and 35 days on skins before being pressed to neutral French barriques (20%) and stainless steel (80%) for fermentation and maturation.

Composition

70% Shiraz - 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

Soil Type

Black Clays & Grey Sandy Loam

Yields

Average 3 tons per acre

Élevage

11 months: 80% Stainless Steel - 20% Neutral French Barrique

Vine Age

10-27 years old

Production

6,800 cases

Tasting Notes

“Bright purple. Assertive aromas of raspberry liqueur, potpourri and peppery spices are complemented by a suave floral quality. Smooth, sweet and seamless, offering vibrant red fruit and floral pastille flavors that take a darker turn to blackberry with air. Finishes sweet and long, with harmonious tannins and a hint of candied flowers.”

Reviews

None on Current Vintage: 2013, Vinous (Josh Reynolds) | 90 points