

BROWN BROTHERS MILAWA VINEYARD Tasting Notes



2022 Brown Brothers National Release Tarrango

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The Wine

The 2022 Tarrango is a strawberry magenta colour with lifted aromas of fresh berries, cherries and a hint of spice. Tarrango is a light-bodied red wine that should be served slightly chilled. It is a refreshing wine, characterised by aromas and flavours reminiscent of red berries and a delicate dry finish. This vintage is rich and juicy with a racy acidity. Tarrango is a delicious and versatile alternative that is best enjoyed young and fresh.

The Grape Variety

Tarrango is a unique Australian grape variety, bred by CSIRO scientists in 1965 by crossing the Portuguese red grape variety touriga with the versatile white grape sultana. It was developed specifically to produce a light, fresh red wine ideal for summer drinking in the many countries with warm to hot summers. Named after the tiny township of 'Tarrango' in the Mallee district of north-west Victoria, where it was designed to thrive. The vines bear generous crops that ripen late and maintain a fresh acidity and soft grapey flavour. The Brown family has been making wines from Tarrango since 1980. In recent years, a small amount of fruit has been fermented by the carbonic maceration technique, where berries are allowed to ferment whole and uncrushed. This contributes added complexity and flavour to the final wine.

Technical Description

The Tarrango grapes used to make this wine were grown at our Mystic Park vineyard in northwest Victoria. The fruit was harvested in the middle part of March at a range of baumé levels from 11.3 to 11.9. A number of fermentation techniques including whole bunch and carbonic maceration were utilised to enhance the red berry fruit lift. The wine was kept in stainless steel tanks to retain as much aroma as possible. It was bottled with an alcohol of 12.5%.

Serving Suggestions

If you have had trouble finding that perfect wine for Indian food then look no further. The fruity flavours of the Tarrango are ideal with the spices and heat in Indian curries. Because of Tarrango's versatility it is also fantastic with a wide range of BBQ meats (including seafood) and vegetables.

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