

Rudderless

2006 Rudderless Grenache



The purple-colored 2006 Grenache was aged in French oak, 15% new. It reveals an attractive bouquet of tobacco, mineral, and black cherry. On the palate this full-bodied effort is layered, succulent, and structured with enough ripe tannin to evolve for 2-3 years. This lengthy Grenache will offer prime drinking from 2010 to 2018.

Rudderless is owned by Doug Govan, major domo of The Victory Hotel, a superb pub and restaurant that is a must-visit for wine tourists in McLaren Vale. His winemaker is Justin McNamee of Samuel's Gorge. The grapes are sourced from vineyards Govan planted on the hillsides surrounding his pub. Each cuvee is limited to 100 cases.

Rating: 90

Maturity: Drink 2010 - 2018

Cost: US \$55

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