



LETHBRIDGE

The story of the wine ...

2021 El Matador

The Story: Grenache (Fr) or Garnacha (Sp) is an important component in many iconic red wine blends.

This grape has few demands but it does like a warm climate to ensure good ripening. While Lethbridge is too cold, fortunately I have a good friend, Anthony Delisio, a fellow winemaker in the much sunnier climes of McLaren Vale, SA. He let me purchase some of his amazing fruit grown from 80-year old vines in Blewitt Springs. Not content to make one wine with the exceptional fruit, we decided to make four. Two are straight Grenache, one made by myself, the other by Steve Brown (our vintage assistant in 2021). The remaining two are traditional blends and as it is forbidden to mention other countries on wine labels, let us just say one channels the Gallic, while the wine in this bottle has a Spanish disposition with a hearty addition of Tempranillo.

The Wine: El Matador, being the slayer of the bull, is a powerful character with sanguine characteristics. The wine mirrors the muse, with great power, sublime structure and savouriness. Dark plum, sun dried prunes and black olives with hints of raspberry and dried rose petal. It has a ferrous aspect with a dense powerful core, gentle tannins and very long finish.

Vintage:	2021
Varieties:	Tempranillo, Grenache, Morvedre
Aging Potential:	5-10 years
Alcohol:	13.9%
Cellar Door Price:	\$58

