



ALLEGIANCE WINES



The Real Review 2019
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

Allegiance Wines The Artisan Barossa Valley Mataro 2018

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Varieties | Mataro |
| Region | Barossa Valley, SA - Halliday Vintage Rating 9/10 |
| Winemaking Notes | Sourced from 17 year old vines in the Barossa Valley. Crushed and destemmed into an open fermenter with a cultured yeast added post crusher for a period of 7 days on skins. The wine was matured for 12 months in seasoned French and American oak hogsheads. |
| Colour | Vibrant brick red |
| Nose | Earthy aromas of plums, spicy notes and pepper |
| Palate | Full, round and rich with dark fruits and silky smooth tannins. Excellent fruit weight and clean, intense finish make this excellent example of straight Mataro from the Barossa Valley. |
| Comments | The Artisan, a skilled craftsman producing high quality wines in small quantities using traditional methods. Allegiance Wines The Artisan is a small batch release of outstanding wine expressing the finest regional and varietal characters. |
| Awards | <p>Gold Medal – 2020 Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition</p> <p>Gold Medal – 2019 Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge</p> <p>The nose offers up pleasant aromas of cherry, plum, wild blackberry, violet and smoke. The palate is compellingly soft and supported by fine tannins. This is a very smooth Mataro with fruit delivering sweetness on the finish.</p> <p>Gold Medal (93 points / 5 Stars) – Wine Showcase</p> <p>Silver Medal – 2020 China Wine & Spirits Awards Best Value</p> |
| Reviews | <p>91 points – Rob Geddes MW Mataro is called Monastrell in Spain and Mourvedre in France so its confusion corner for this potentially great grape. Red fruits and red liquorice touched by green leaf aromas are spot on for the variety and the region.</p> <p>91 points – Patrick Eckel, Wine Reviewer A light red in the glass with red cherry and plum enjoying a floral lift and good purity of fruit. The 18 release is a light to medium bodied Mataro, with juicy tannin and acidity rolling with red fruits that have just a touch of spice and enough texture to keep things interesting. The finish is flowing with a dusting of wild strawberry to cherry fruits and a slight herbaceous kick.</p> <p>91 points – Sam Kim, Wine Orbit Offering sweet fruit flavours with attractive spicy nuances, the wine shows Black Doris plum, raspberry, olive, hazelnut and floral characters on the nose with hints of anise and olive. The palate delivers lovely weight and flow, backed by fine texture and polished tannins, leading to a long, pleasingly dry finish. At its best: now to 2025.</p> <p>91 points – Stephen Read, Wine Matrix Dense deep brick red colour, plums with floral notes, herbal spicy tones and cedary oak are evident on the nose. Soft tannins, savoury spice, plums are balanced by clean acid to create a luscious mouth feel. Medium bodied and textural with a tight clean finish.</p> <p>90 points (4 Stars) – Nick Butler, The Real Review A subtle and pretty violet-driven, fragrant wine, with torque coming from more traditional meaty notes. Red fruits too. A healthy dose of acidity runs through this, just enough flesh and plenty of length. A softer, more poised expression of the variety. Drink 2019 – 2025.</p> |
| Alcohol | 14.5% |
| RRP | \$40.00 |

