## AN APPROACH TO RELAXATION GRENACHE BAROSSA 'SUCETTE'

100% Grenache. Pale ruby hue. Juicy, fruit-forward, and delicious. Cranberry, pomegranate, strawberry and cherry. The structure of the very old vines is also on display, holding together a fantastic nugget of ripe fruit on the palate. White pepper, mint, sweet meats and earth. Medium bodied with fresh and vibrant acidity. Organic.

100% Grenache from 2 dry-grown, own-rooted, sandy vineyards: their Estate Vineyard, Rza Block (12.5 acres, estimated to have been planted between 1860-1880) and an 80-85-year old vineyard a kilometer away. Both vineyards are located in the heart of the Vine Vale, the coolest region of the Barossa Valley, situated at the foot of the Eden Valley in South Australia. After a 7-day ferment, they basket pressed the grapes over a slow 12-hour press cycle, and the wine spent a year in old French oak before being bottled unfined and unfiltered.

An Approach To Relaxation, founded in 2014, is a joint project between Master Sommelier Richard Betts and Carla Rza Betts (formerly of The Spotted Pig, The Breslin and The John Dory Oyster Bar in NYC.) They are both American born, living in Amsterdam and now making wine in Vine Vale, Barossa Valley, Australia. Their Estate Vineyard, The Rza Block, is one of the oldest Grenache vineyards in the world. Long believing that great Grenache is the warm climate analogy of Pinot Noir, they always kept their eyes open for the sandy terroir and cool climate that give the best Grenache that extra something special. Their search came to an end in Vine Vale, where they discovered a 150+ year-old Grenache vineyard, set on sandy soil in one of coolest microclimates in the Barossa Valley. From this tiny vineyard, they make their Sucette Grenache.

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