

# THISTLEDOWN DISTANT LIGHT GRENACHE / SHIRAZ 2022



### \$95.99

Product Code:	31261	Closure
Country:	Australia	Unit:
Region:	South Australia	Volume
Style:	Red	Alcohol
Variety:	Grenache Blend / GSM	Grape:

Closure:	Screw Cap	
Unit:	Each	
Volume:	750ml	
Alcohol:	14.5%	
Grape:	51% Grenache, 49% Shiraz	
Natural:	Vegan Friendly	





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# TASTING NOTES

### Winery notes (2022 Vintage)

"The Distant Light is what keeps many of us moving forward. It is the faint, twinkling lights of a harbour, gently beckoning home weary fishermen after time at sea. It is the comforting glow of a wood fire burning post a long, winter's walk. It is the dazzling, azure blue of the ocean, glimpsed through gullies after a long drive to the coast. It is the streak of light on the horizon, viewed from a hilltop vineyard, ushering in a new dawn.

This textural beauty is made with grapes from old vines, a detailed, complex tapestry of vineyards comprising young and old, trellised and bush-vine, their common thread being vibrant, energetic fruit that is concentrated but balanced.

An intoxicating, ethereal nose of sweet, spicy black cherry, cassis and balsam. The palate unravels its silky, textural beauty over the palate. Draped with wild strawberry, north African spice, autumnal wood smoke and hints of smoky, grilled meats, it displays an elegant persistence.

The Grenache comes from Sue Trott's Home Block in Blewitt Springs and Bernard Smart's vineyard in Clarendon. The former bush vine on sand and the latter bush vine of clay loams with quartz and ironstone. The Shiraz components come from Joel Mattschoss' Shiraz on Mengler's Hill and 2 blocks of Andy Kalleske's blocks in Koonunga/Ebenezer."



Reviews for the 2021 vintage below...

### 95/100 Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, January 2024 (2021 Vintage)

"Plenty of exotic spice and perfume, dark cherry, dried raspberry, cocoa, a little marzipan. It's medium to full-bodied, smooth and slinky, with fine silty tannin, perfume and succulence of cherry and strawberry, with a long and subtly stony saline finish. The mesh of McLaren Vale Grenache and Barossa Shiraz works to such good effect. Delightful!"

### 94/100 JamesSuckling.com (2021 Vintage)

"A neighbourly blend from the continental extremities of Barossa, to the maritime freshness of McLaren Vale. It works well, too. Umami-laden aromas of beef dripping, porcini, Japanese daikon and bouillon. Mulled cherry, tea tree, clove and white pepper. The finish, taut and nicely racy. There seems to be ample stuffing behind the immediate veneer of tannin, suggesting that this full-weighted, albeit, elegant wine, has loads in store for those with patience. Drinkable now with an aggressive decant, but best after 2027."

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