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LA VIOLETTA BILINGÜE / LA VIOLETTA / 2015 / GREAT SOUTHERN / AUSTRALIA

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PRODUCER

Andrew Hoadley has worked all across Australia as well as abroad in Barbaresco, Abruzzo and Washington state, and is today regarded as one of Western Australia's revolutionary winemakers. He created La Violetta in 2008, taking the name from an old Piemontese song that celebrates intoxication (responsibly, naturally). He is based in the Great Southern on the coast near Denmark, but sources grapes from trusted growers across the region to make his stunning, envelope-pushing wines in really tiny quantities - a real master of blends.

LA VIOLETTA

VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

The first release of this wine, sibling to the more austere, structured *Almirante y Obispo*. Sourced mainly from two special small blocks in Geographe, the Bilingüe blend also brings in a little new clonal shiraz from Frankland, contributing lifted red fruits to the savoury, gamey/herbal context. Wild fermented Garnacha/Grenache, Mataro/Mourvèdre and Ciras/Syrah, hand plunged in small open vessels, spending nine months in seasoned french oak to come together. Savoury, juicy, elegant. Get yer umlauts out and shake them all about. Wild fermented Garnacha/Grenache, Mataro/Mourvèdre and Ciras/Syrah, hand plunged in small open vessels, Yes, wild. Yes, spending nine months in seasoned french oak to come together

TASTING NOTE

You say Bilingue, I say Bilingüe; but let's not call the whole thing off. When there's so much to taste, two tongues are surely better than one (Bilingual, from Latin *bilinguis*, from *bi-* 'having two' + *lingua* 'tongue'). Black fruits, cherry, musk, anise, garrigue and game are all in the mix, with no oak (or oak tannins) to confuse things. Mid-weight, sensualidad with pleasing richness and structure, before settling back into savoury garnachic elegance.

FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER	ANDREW HOADLEY
VARIETIES	40% GRENACHE, 31% MATARO, 29% SHIRAZ
APPELLATION	GREAT SOUTHERN
FORMAT	0.750L
ALCOHOL	14.3%
BIODYNAMIC	NO
VEGAN	YES
VEGETARIAN	YES

