

GRAFT
WINE COMPANY

TN/ TOURIGA NACIONAL / VINTELOPER / 2019 /
LANGHORNE CREEK / AUSTRALIA

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PRODUCER

David Bowley created Vinteloper in 2008 and spent a decade sourcing grapes across South Australia and farther afield while renting cellar space. Now firmly established as one of the country's leading lights, in 2018 finally Vinteloper found a home of its own in Cudlee Creek, only for the vineyard to be decimated in the December 2019 bushfires. The rebuild has begun with gusto and optimism and their wines are as good as ever. Vinteloper has won the Pinot Palooza People's Choice award twice ['15 & '16] and finished runner up twice ['14 & '17] for the best Pinot Noir in Australia.

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VITICULTURE + VINIFICATION

Just 1km from Lake Alexandrina this vineyard is heavily maritime influenced. A 28-year-old single vineyard with a N/S orientation. Alluvial red/brown clay loam soils. Once picked we de-stemmed and crushed, then allowed indigenous yeast to conduct the fermentation, leaving the skins in contact for 10 days. Matured in French oak barrels for 18 months. Bottled without fining or filtration. 100% Malolactic Fermentation. Matured for 18 months in 100% French Oak.

TASTING NOTE

So smooth you immediately understand why Touriga is Portugal's top-dog red grape. Like sucking on a soft salted caramel as you soak up the warm summer sunshine. It's the low and slow cooked brisket of red wine. The wine leads with ripe plum over the signature lavender, violet, clove and five spice aromatics of Touriga Nacional. On the palate it's blue and red fruits wrapped in the uniquely rounded tannin profile coming to the fore. The depth and flavour of a much bigger wine, it slides down the throat with alarming ease.

FACTS + STATS

WINEMAKER

ALYSON TANNENBAUM

VARIETIES

100% TOURIGA NACIONAL

APPELLATION

LANGHORNE CREEK

CLOSURE

SCREW TOP

ALCOHOL

13.5%

SUGAR

0.3 G/L

TOTAL ACIDITY

5.27 G/L

ORGANIC

NO

BIODYNAMIC

NO

VEGAN

YES

VEGETARIAN

YES

TOTAL SULPHUR

73 MG/L

CASE SIZE

12

