

## TASTING NOTES



## 2021 ESTATE SINGLE VINEYARD GRENACHE ROSÉ

### Vintage Conditions

The region received good early rains in autumn 2020 to replenish some moisture in the profiles, after coming off the driest back to back seasons ever experienced. Winter rains were average and those vineyards that supplemented with irrigation to get moisture to depth set the vines up for spring growth and spring rains were above average. Temperatures in November were above average without any significant weather events paving the way for fantastic fruit set. January 24th was the only day that the Barossa Valley experienced temperature above 40°C. Not surprisingly, the subsequent mild conditions meant bunch and berry size remained average, achieving a great balance between quality and quantity. A vintage that can be described as almost "perfect"

### Vineyard Selection

A portion of our Block 3B estate, planted in 1912 was allocated for the production of our "single vineyard" Grenache rosé. The 100+ year old Grenache vines were meticulously maintained with bunch thinning and leaf plucking to ensure maximum varietal flavour intensity and fruit sweetness coupled with natural acidity. Daily sampling leading up to harvest ensured the fruit was picked at optimal ripeness.

### Winemaking

Grenache was hand-picked specifically for the production of rose'. The fruit was crushed and macerated for 2.5 hours to increase colour pick-up as well as some natural fruit tannin. The must was then gently pressed to liberate the juice, and then 70% was fermented in stainless steel at cool temperatures to retain delicate fruit aromas. The balance was drained to old oak hogsheads where the juice underwent a natural fermentation and subsequent maturation on full lees for 5 months before blending and bottling

### Tasting Evaluation

**Colour:** Bright, Bronze with copper highlights.

**Aroma:** Delicate perfume of musk, rose petal and strawberries & cream with subtle cinnamon spice.

**Palate:** Creamy fruit-sweet mid palate with flavours of "fruits of the forest" and white cherry. This bone-dry style is textural (barrel ferment/maturation) with fresh crunchy red-apple acidity and delicate fruit phenolics. A rose' to be enjoyed over the Spring/Summer months but as with previous vintages, has aging potential.

### Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 100% Grenache  
Region (GI): Barossa Valley, single vineyard  
Winemaker: Jason Barrette  
Alcohol: 13.8% alc/vol  
pH: 3.34  
TA: 6.2g/L  
Residual Sugar: 0.50g/L  
Bottled: 24 August 2021



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