

TASTING NOTES



2020 ESTATE Grenache Shiraz Mataro

Vintage Conditions

The 2020 growing season was dry with winter and spring rains being well below average. Flowering unfortunately was interrupted with frosts and very strong winds, coupled with very cold nights. December was hot and dry with 11 days over 35C and 8 days over 40C. As a result, bunch size was below average with smaller than normal berry size. A mild February with approximately 20mm of rain on 1st February slowed down phenological ripening allowing us to hang the grapes to ensure full flavour ripeness, whilst retaining natural acidity. Yields across the board were down between 50-80% depending on the vineyard. Wines produced, have saturated colours, intense aromatics and great flavour concentration and length. Overall an exceptional year!

Vineyard Selection

The grapes for all three varieties were sourced from our estate vineyard. The Grenache, Shiraz and Mataro were picked at different times to maximise varietal expression of each grape variety and natural grape acidity.

Winemaking

Each grape variety was picked, fermented and matured separately in seasoned French and American oak barrels for nine months before careful barrel selection to maximise expression of each variety. The wine is neither fined, nor filtered.

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Garnet with a medium core.

Aroma: Red cherry, red currant and yellow plum aromas with baking spices (cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla pod) with short-crust pastry notes.

Palate: Sweet red fruits of raspberry, strawberry and blueberry crumble. Fine grain tannins with a Mataro savoury finish.

A perfect partnership of these three grape varieties, enjoy with a wide range of cuisines.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 40% Grenache, 30 % Shiraz, 30% Mataro

Region (GI): Barossa Valley

Winemaker: Jason Barrette

Alcohol: 14.6% alc/vol

pH: 3.63

TA: 6.4g/L

Residual Sugar: 0.34g/L

Bottled: 24 August 2021



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