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2013 HILL OF ROSES

GRAPE VARIETY

100% 24-year-old shiraz grown on one single block at the Henschke Hill of Grace Vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 26 - 27 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.68 | Acidity: 5.1g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 50% new and 50% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium garnet with brick red hues. Captivating aromas of dark plum and blackberry are entwined with rosehip, pink peppercorn, cinnamon, star anise and Earl Grey tea. Concentrated and vibrant flavours of satsuma plum and bramble are layered with five spice, flowering thyme and black pepper, supported by bright acidity and fine, velvety tannins culminating in a pure, elegant finish.

BACKGROUND

Hill of Roses is named as a tribute to Johann Gottlieb Rosenzweig (translating from German to 'rose twig'), a member of the early Barossa Lutheran community who settled at Parrot Hill in the Eden Valley. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant that the many generations that followed have rejoiced in the riches of those efforts. This wine is produced from a small selection of low-yielding shiraz vines from the Hill of Grace Vineyard, planted as a nursery block in 1989. The planting is known as the 'Post Office Block' after the historic Parrot Hill Post Office ruins overlooking the vineyard. These vines were a mere 12 years old when the wine was first produced in 2001 and at present are too young to be considered for inclusion in the Hill of Grace vintages. As per the Barossa Old Vine Charter, an 'old vine' is equal to or greater than 35 years of age. The quality of the grapes from this selection, however, has produced a wine that has warranted a separate bottling and limited release.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The lead-up to the 2013 vintage saw an early onset of summer, with occasional thunderstorms and only four heat spikes into the 40s over summer. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February brought the predicted early vintage even further forward. Even after a very dry winter, spring and summer, old-vine Eden Valley Shiraz showed great potential. Fortunately, a desperately needed 16 mm of rain came, the first for nearly six months, at the beginning of March, helping the vines through to full maturity. The roller-coaster weather continued through March with almost weekly cycles of hot and cold. Cool, drizzly weather at the end of March nearly brought the harvest to a halt, but a return to Indian summer conditions in early April delivered another great vintage of average yields and excellent quality.

DRINKING WINDOW

Excellent vintage;
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