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2021 HILL OF ROSES

GRAPE VARIETY

100% 32-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: 31 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.55 | Acidity: 6.0g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with ruby hues. Fragrant aromas of blackberry compote, blueberry and ripe plum are interwoven with spicy herbal notes of anise, flowering rosemary, black pepper, bundled sage, subtle vanilla pod and cedar tones. A vibrant palate with a rich core of blackberry and mulberry fruit is framed by hints of pink pepper, flowering herbs, nutmeg and mace spice, with fine, textural tannins and elegant acidity, providing excellent depth and length.

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, dry-grown 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

Average rainfall in the winter of 2020 was followed by even budburst, with buds showing good fruitfulness. Frost damage was significant, and spring was cloudy, with good rains pre-flowering, followed by short bursts of hot weather in late November. The late-flowering varieties were impacted by heat at the end of November and strong winds in early December damaged the canopies, although the crop remained disease free. January was dry, with a burst of heat prior to a perfectly timed rain event at veraison in early February. The lead up to vintage was cool, cloudy and mostly dry. After our coolest summer for 19 years, a warm autumn provided ideal conditions for ripening in our red varieties, achieving excellent colour, flavour intensity and tannin maturity. The 2021 vintage will be considered a standout of the decade; remembered for complex wines with exceptional varietal expression, balance and purity, that speak of the ancient land from which they originate. With a likeness to the high-quality vintages of 1986, 2002, 2005, and 2015, all of which were mild seasons, the 2021 single-vineyard wines show an impressive potential for long-term ageing in ideal cellaring conditions.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
30+ years (from vintage).

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