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2024 GEORGE 5TH

GRAPE VARIETY

100% single-vineyard grenache grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 15 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.34 | Acidity: 5.92g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned (75% French, 25% American) oak hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale ruby with ruby hues. Captivating aromas of red cherry, raspberry coulis and rose petal are entwined with notes of lavender, white pepper and aniseed. A bright and finely structured palate reveals satsuma plum and blackberry, layered with maraschino cherry, crushed dried herbs, graphite and baking spice. Vibrant acidity and long, savoury tannins provide great length.

BACKGROUND

Georg Heidenreich was ordained as a pastor in Hanover in 1866, in the presence of George V and the Royal Family. Later that year, Georg and his wife, Anna, arrived at Port Adelaide and went on to establish their home at Bethany, in the Barossa Valley. Subsequent generations settled in nearby Vine Vale, on the deep sands of the North Para River, where they planted the now 80-year-old bush-vine grenache, which thrives in this environment, producing a wine of exemplary fragrance, elegance and lithe tannins.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2024 vintage began with high June rainfall, providing a strong foundation for the season, followed by dry conditions from August through to October, and a warmer than average September that accelerated budburst and later phenology. Substantial rain events between late November and early January supported excellent canopy growth and berry development, setting the vines up well for a notably dry summer, with no rainfall in February. Short bursts of heat promoted ripening, leading to an earlier than usual Barossa Valley harvest in late February. Grenache was a standout variety, delivering excellent quality. The 2024 vintage reflects a balance of timely rain, ideal canopy growth, and a dry, warm finish, resulting in vibrant and expressive wines.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

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