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2024 THE BOOTMAKER

GRAPE VARIETY

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.35 | Acidity: 6.7g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 5% new and 95% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 14 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep purple with crimson hues. Fragrant aromas of dark plum and blackcurrant are layered with cassis, crushed flowering herbs, mace, nutmeg and cedar. A powerful and complex palate opens with redcurrant, blueberry, black cherry and satsuma plum, supported by savoury notes of bergamot, fennel seed, olive tapenade and peppercorn, with balanced acidity and velvety tannins delivering excellent length and depth.

BACKGROUND

The Bootmaker Mataro pays tribute to the rich tradition and craftsmanship of the Barossa's early German Silesian community who farmed an eclectic range of grape varieties and stone fruits for generations. Well suited to warm and dry conditions, mataro thrives on the deep sands and clays in the low-lying areas of the North Para, producing the variety's signature spice, elegance and svelte 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. All Barossa Valley shiraz was picked by early March and the cooler weather later in the month provided optimal conditions for ripening and harvesting mataro, which extended into early April. Shiraz, grenache and mataro were standout varieties of the season, delivering exceptional 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

Exceptional vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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