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2025 GEORGE 5TH

GRAPE VARIETY

100% grenache grown in the Barossa (80% Barossa Valley and 20% Eden Valley).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 22 March | Alcohol: 14.2% | pH: 3.27 | Acidity: 5.56g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 7% new and 93% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 6 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium ruby with crimson hues. Lifted aromas of raspberry, cherry and redcurrant are layered with lavender, rosemary, cinnamon, nutmeg, anise and white pepper. The palate is rich and plush, revealing blackberry, satsuma plum, rhubarb and crushed flowering herbs, framed by bright acidity and fine-grained tannins, providing great balance and 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 2025 growing season began under continued dry conditions, with below-average winter rainfall failing to replenish soil moisture. Unseasonably warm late-winter weather prompted an early budburst, followed by a devastating frost event in mid-September that caused widespread damage across much of South Australia. Remarkably, vine recovery exceeded expectations, with fruitful secondary buds forming bunches on new shoots. Although yields were expected to be low, they surpassed conservative estimates. Like spring, summer also arrived early, with a warming trend from mid-November laying the foundation for one of the hottest and driest seasons in living memory. Fortunately, early February saw only short bursts of heat. A return to high temperatures in early March accelerated ripening in red varieties, leading to harvest four weeks earlier than the historical average. Healthy canopies ensured excellent quality fruit, and the resulting wines show wonderful balance, flavour intensity, and great ageing potential.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

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