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2010 JOHANN'S GARDEN

GRAPE VARIETY

66% grenache, 26% mataro and 8% shiraz grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 9 March – 16 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.45 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

MATURATION

The grenache, mataro and shiraz were vinified separately, then matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 12 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium garnet with crimson hues. Enticing, spicy aromas of blue and black fruits are layered with mace, nutmeg, rosemary and hints of cedar, leather, vanilla and Dutch cocoa. A dense, fruit-driven core of dark cherry, plum and raspberry is woven through violets, black pepper, liquorice and earthy spice, unfurling into a generous and composed finish.

BACKGROUND

This wine is named as a tribute to the early German Silesian community of the Barossa, many of whom carried the first name of Johann. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant that the many generations that followed rejoiced in the riches of their prudent efforts. Their traditions and culture have survived to this day, including the winemaking techniques of open-top fermentation used in this grenache, mataro and shiraz blend. The wine is produced from low-yielding Barossa Old Vines, categorised by the Barossa Old Vine Charter as vines that are equal or greater than 35 years old. These gnarled, bush and trellised vines from selected vineyards in the Barossa Valley are grown in soils ranging from friable clay loam with limestone fragments, to deep sandy loam over clay. Barossa growers traditionally referred to their vineyard as their 'garden', from the German *der Weingarten*.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2010 growing season was preceded by above-average winter rainfall. Spring was mild with little frost damage and even budburst. The weather remained cold and wet through spring, which held back growth until a two-week high-30s heatwave in November affected flowering and fruit set. Spring rains continued into early summer through to mid-December, making it the wettest year since 2005. The vines responded to the heat and grew vigorously until early January, developing lush canopies, but bunch development suffered as a result. Heat spikes and cool changes continued through a warm summer with occasional thunderstorms. The vines went through veraison a week earlier than the previous year. Lower yields, coupled with the mild ripening period, resulted in concentrated fruit. The red varieties were deeply coloured, with well-balanced grapes picked during mild, dry conditions.

DRINKING WINDOW

Excellent vintage;
drink now to 2035+.

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