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2014 TAPPA PASS

GRAPE VARIETY

100% shiraz from up to 70-year-old, low-yielding vines grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 6 – 20 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.45 | Acidity: 6.47g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 27% new and 73% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium garnet with crimson hues. Enticing aromas of blue and black fruits are intertwined with crushed flowering herbs, liquorice, cedar, white pepper and hints of charcuterie. A powerful yet elegant palate of dark berries and baked plum leads into black pepper, liquorice, leather and turned earth, supported by fine, savoury tannins and balanced acidity, providing impressive depth and length.

BACKGROUND

The Barossa has a core of grape growers of German Silesian descent dating back six generations, staunchly continuing the traditions of their forebears. Up to 70-year-old, low-yielding shiraz is selected from historical grower vineyards at Tappa Pass and Light Pass, growing in low-fertility soils that range from terra rossa to red-brown earths, derived from Neoproterozoic bedrock more than 542 million years old. These vineyards provide exceptional quality shiraz fruit from both the Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions of the Barossa, vinified in traditional open-top fermenters.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

South Australia experienced a record number of heat days over 40°C in January, culminating in the worst bushfire in the nearby Eden Valley. This was followed by the wettest February in 44 years, delivering 115–150 mm of rain in 48 hours. Yields were severely reduced due to a spring black frost and cold, windy conditions during flowering in early December. Mild conditions with cold, dewy mornings and windy days persisted. Disease pressure increased as March became colder and wetter, with a winter-like pattern after the equinox. It was a late and extended vintage, ultimately challenging, with very low yields but excellent quality.

DRINKING WINDOW

Excellent vintage;
drink now to 2035+.

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