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Hill of Roses Shiraz 2002

Grape Variety

100% shiraz grown on Henschke's Hill of Grace vineyard in the Eden Valley wine region.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 12 March | Alcohol: 15% | pH: 3.52 | Acidity: 5.9g/L

Maturation

Matured in new French oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to bottling.

Background

This wine is named as a tribute to Johann Gottlieb Rosenzweig, one of the early Barossa Lutheran pioneers who settled at Parrot Hill in Eden Valley. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant the many generations that followed have rejoiced in the riches of those efforts. Shiraz, growing on the fertile slopes in the Eden Valley region, is just one of those blessings. The wine was produced from a small selection of low-yielding dry-grown shiraz vines from the Hill of Grace vineyard, named the Post Office block, that were a mere 13 years old and too young to be considered for inclusion in Hill of Grace. The quality of the grapes from this selection produced a wine that was too good to be declassified and warranted a separate bottling and limited release. The Post Office ruins are on the land that used to be Rosenzweig property, the Rosenzweig name translating from German to mean 'rose twig'.

Vintage Description

The year 2002 goes down as being the coolest, windiest 'non-summers' on record, following on from our hottest summer on record in 2001. It was preceded by a wet winter and a spring that was cold, wet and windy - like winter really. The drizzly cold weather affected the flowering and caused poor fruit set, commonly known as 'hen and chicken', leading to crop reductions. In addition the season was 2-3 weeks late due to the unseasonable cold weather. With the smaller crop level, the balance of sugar, flavour and natural acidity in the fruit were excellent. Despite the low yields, 2002 was one of our most exceptional vintages ever, helped by the warm dry Indian summer autumn period, providing sensational colours, flavours and ageing potential.

Wine Description

Deep crimson with brick red hues. Deep and complex aromas of blackberries, cassis and briary blackcurrant with understated nuances of rosemary, mint and coffee. Sweet, juicy ripe red and black fruits fill the palate supported by a hint of spicy cassis, while the soft, velvety mid-weight tannins linger for a deliciously long finish.

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Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

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