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2021 JOHANN'S GARDEN

GRAPE VARIETY

92% grenache and 8% mataro grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 9 March - 23 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.46 | Acidity: 5.1g/L

MATURATION

The grenache and mataro are vinified separately and matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium ruby with purple hues. Deeply perfumed aromas of freshly cut red berries, with hints of rhubarb, cherry and liquorice, garrigue herbs, pinched lavender and more subtle notes of mace and white pepper. The palate is rich, spicy and focused, with vibrant raspberry and mulberry fruit, fresh pithy acidity and a long, elegant finish of fine, silky tannins.

BACKGROUND

This wine is named as a tribute to the early 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 blend. It is produced from low-yielding Barossa Survivor Vines, categorised by the Barossa Old Vine Charter as vines that are equal or greater than 70 years old. These gnarled, dry-grown 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

2021 was an excellent vintage. Average winter rainfall was followed by minor frost events in late September and spring rains in early October. Budburst was even with good fruitfulness, although heat bursts in late November affected fruit set. Strong winds in early December caused some damage to the canopies but the fruit remained disease free. January was mild and dry with a short heat wave late January at veraison, followed by rainfall in early February. The lead up to vintage and the conditions during ripening remained cool, cloudy and dry, with the fruit showing balanced acidity, excellent colour and flavour development.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

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