



HENSCHKE

150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2015 JOHANN'S GARDEN

GRAPE VARIETY

70% grenache, 25% mataro and 5% shiraz grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 March - 1 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.49 | Acidity: 5.9g/L

MATURATION

The grenache, mataro and shiraz were vinified separately and matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 9 months prior to blending and bottling. Bottle aged in the Henschke cellar for museum release.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium ruby with garnet hues. Vibrant aromas of raspberry, dark plum, black cherry, rhubarb and anise, with nuances of crushed herbs, nutmeg, mace and blackberry leaf. The palate has a vibrant core of red cherry, ripe plum and red berries, layered with complex, spicy notes of ginger, cedar and mocha. Abundant firm but fine tannins provide length and definition.

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 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

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage. Spring and summer were dry with no disease, resulting in fruit with high natural acidity and incredible flavour and colour concentration. A dry, warm and windy start to January was followed by welcome rain that coincided with the onset of veraison. The mild weather continued and delivered a fairy-tale vintage.

ACCOLADES

2016 Barossa Wine Show - Gold Medal

DRINKING WINDOW

Exceptional vintage;
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