



HENSCHKE

OVER 150 YEARS OF FAMILY WINEMAKING



2006 JOHANN'S GARDEN

GRAPE VARIETY

68% grenache, 17% mourvèdre (mataro) and 15% shiraz grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 22 March – 5 May | Alcohol: 15.5% | pH: 3.45 | Acidity: 6.4g/L

MATURATION

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

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep garnet with crimson hues. Fragrant aromas of spiced plum, black cherry, raspberry, nutmeg, black pepper and crushed herbs, with earthy, leathery notes and subtle cedar. A rich mid-palate reveals a vibrant core of dark plum and red berries, balanced by fine acidity, great drive and silky tannins. Drinking well now with years to go.

BACKGROUND

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. This blend is just one of those blessings. The traditions and culture have survived to this day, including the traditional winemaking techniques of open-top fermentation used in this grenache 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 are grown on limestone soils from selected vineyards in the Barossa Valley. Barossa growers traditionally referred to their vineyard as their 'garden', from the German weingarten.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Winter and spring rains were some of the best for years in the lead up to flowering. Some varieties, including shiraz, were impacted by poor set leading to lower yields. Summer was mild with southerly winds, reminiscent of 2002. Brief heatwaves in the new year were early enough not to affect quality, with only minor sunburn on exposed fruit. Harvest was one of the earliest on record and delivered excellent quality fruit.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Great vintage;
Drink now – 2030+

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