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2021 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: 13 – 16 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.46 | Acidity: 6.11g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 14% new and 86% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Dark crimson with violet hues. Fragrant aromas of ripe plum, black cherry, blueberries, rose petal, anise, mace, with hints of black pepper, cedar, sage and charcuterie. The palate is rich, plush and complex with blue fruits, mulberry, violets and plum, balanced by layers of fine velvety tannins delivering great 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

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;
20+ years (from vintage).

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