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2019 THE BOOTMAKER

GRAPE VARIETY

58% old-vine mataro and 42% old-vine grenache grown in a single vineyard in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 21 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.41 | Acidity: 5.68g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak barriques for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium garnet with ruby hues. Fragrant, perfumed florals lead to aromas of lifted raspberry, strawberry and blueberry compote, with spicy mace, nutmeg, white pepper and crushed flowering herbs. Vibrant red currant, red cherry, rhubarb and plum flavours are balanced by white pepper spice, fine acidity, and supple, textural tannins driving a long, lush finish.

BACKGROUND

The Bootmaker pays tribute to the bounteous skillset of the early Silesian community of the Barossa. After plying his trade and building the Bootmaker's Cottage in the hills east of the Barossa Valley, the subsequent generations of Carl Pfeiffer's boot-making family resettled on the deep sands of the river flats of the North Para, farming an eclectic array of grape varieties and stone fruits. Well suited to warm and dry conditions, old-vine mataro and grenache thrive in this environment, producing the emblematic delicious spice, elegance and svelte tannins.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Vintage 2019 shaped up to be a challenging one, with below-average yields, however the quality was very high, with beautiful expressions of varietal character and generally good balance and structure. Yields were down due to 'hen and chicken' (berries of different sizes), caused by cold, wet conditions during flowering. Shiraz yields were the most affected by these factors, influenced by hail and severe wind causing poor fruit set. A dry winter, spring and summer with warmer than average temperatures in January and February lead to the advancement of maturity of all grape varieties in the Barossa Valley and an early onset of vintage.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
15+ years (from vintage).

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