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2015 THE BOOTMAKER

GRAPE VARIETY

96% old-vine mataro and 4% old-vine grenache grown in a single vineyard in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 26 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.59 | Acidity: 6.1g/L

MATURATION

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 garnet with crimson hues. Aromatic layers of rosehip, red and black berries and dried fig are woven with baking spice, leather and earthy notes. The generous palate bursts with dark, dense flavours of plum, raspberry and currant, entwined with mace, nutmeg and cinnamon, offering bright acidity and textural tannins for a long, savoury finish.

BACKGROUND

The Bootmaker Mataro pays tribute to the rich tradition and craftsmanship of the Barossa's early German Silesian community. 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, mataro and grenache thrive in this environment, producing the signature spice, elegance and svelte tannins.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below-average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity and incredible flavour and colour concentration. It was a dry, warm and windy start to January, with some welcome rain at the end of the month coinciding with the onset of veraison, perfectly timed for the vineyard. Mild weather followed from February through to April, providing a fairytale vintage, eventually winding down at the end of April as rain and cooler temperatures set in. The 2015 vintage has provided stunning signature regional varieties that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for exceptional ageing.

DRINKING WINDOW

Exceptional vintage;
drink now to 2035+.

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