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2021 JOSEPH HILL

GRAPE VARIETY

100% gewürztraminer grown on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 5 March | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.21 | Acidity: 5.1g/L

MATURATION

Fermented in stainless steel with some lees stirring to build complexity and then bottled post-vintage to preserve the delicate aromatic fruit characters.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Pale golden-straw, with lime-green hues. Fragrant floral aromas of citrus blossom, white rose, jasmine, frangipani and freesia with undertones of lychee and musk. A delicate and crisp palate with great purity of fruit, offering flavours of lychee, ginger and spiced poached pear, with a fine, mineral texture and a long and balanced slightly off-dry finish.

BACKGROUND

The traminer grape originated in the Tramin region of the north-east of Italy and has been grown for centuries in France and Germany. The German prefix gewürz, meaning spicy, is used when the wine exhibits an aromatic spicy character. The altitude, cool climate and deep loam soils of Eden Valley provide excellent conditions for this variety. The gewürztraminer vineyard is planted on well-drained deep sandy loam and silt. It is named in tribute to Joseph Hill Thyer who planted the first vines on this property in the early 1900s.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Average winter rains were followed by even budburst. Frost damage was significant and spring was cloudy with good rains pre-flowering, followed by short bursts of hot weather in late November. The later flowering varieties were impacted by heat at the end of November and strong winds in early December damaged the canopies although the crop remained disease free. January was dry with a burst of heat prior to a perfectly timed rain event at veraison in early February. The lead up to vintage was cool, cloudy and mostly dry with the white varieties showing balanced acidities and good aromatics. After our coolest summer for 19 years, a dry, warm autumn provided near-ideal conditions for ripening in our red varieties. Overall, the wines show great balance and potential for ageing.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Great vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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