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2022 MARBLE ANGEL

GRAPE VARIETY

100% single-vineyard cabernet sauvignon grown at Light Pass in the Barossa Valley, planted in the late 1970s.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 25 – 28 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.43 | Acidity: 6.3g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 10% new and 90% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 20 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with ruby hues. Attractive aromas of dark bramble fruits, roasted hazelnut, cassis and violets, with hints of mace, thyme, rosemary and tomato leaf. A rich and focused palate opens with layers of blackcurrant leaf, bay leaf and luscious red berry fruits, entwined with crushed herbs, cassis and cedar. Savoury, fine-grained tannins deliver incredible structure and balance for a long and elegant finish.

BACKGROUND

The Barossa has been home to grapegrowing and winemaking families for six generations. Stephen's great-uncle Julius Henschke grew up at the family winery, and in his adult years became a renowned craftsman, artist and sculptor. Julius was recognised for ornate headstones and angel sculptures at the Gnadenberg Cemetery, as well as his most celebrated work, the inspiring National War Memorial on North Terrace in Adelaide. His Angel of Compassion and Duty sculptures are acclaimed across the country. Julius' craft focused on the most pristine white Angaston marble quarried near the cabernet sauvignon vineyard at Light Pass, planted on ancient red clay and limestone soil, which brings out the exquisite flavour and structure in the wine.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Above average 2021 winter rainfall helped to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring slightly later than average. A frost event occurred on 11 October, followed by an extreme hail event on 28 October, and the cold and wet weather in mid-November coincided with flowering, which impacted fruit-set and potential yields. December and January provided a burst of summer heat, however at the beginning of vintage another severe weather event dealt a deluge of rain and even more hail to some parts of the region. While mild and dry conditions followed, the cumulative impacts of the season's weather events resulted in lower yields across the region. The 2022 wines show great aromatics, balance of acidity and a bright core of flavour.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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