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2024 THE NURTURER

GRAPE VARIETY

22% carignan, 19% counoise, 17% grenache gris, 15% grenache noir, 11% clairette, 9% cinsault, 7% shiraz grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 2 - 18 April | Alcohol: 12.5% | pH: 3.34 | Acidity: 5.55g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned French oak puncheons for 6 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Medium ruby with ruby hues. Enticing aromas of red cherry, raspberry and Satsuma plum, with notes of rose petal, bergamot, lavender, Dutch liquorice and star anise. A bright, layered palate of forest fruits, rhubarb, pomegranate and mulberry, supported by bright acidity and fine-grained tannins.

BACKGROUND

Named in honour of Prue Henschke, a highly regarded botanist, environmentalist and viticulturist, The Nurturer celebrates Prue's dedication to regenerating our vineyards through organic composts, as well as native grasses and flowering plants, with the aim of optimising soil and vine health. Inspired by Prue's recent plantings of site-suited varieties in the Henschke 'Home Gardens' Vineyard, The Nurturer is a sequential fermentation of carignan, counoise, grenache gris, grenache noir, clairette, cinsault and shiraz, with each variety added in harvest order.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The lead up to the 2024 season in the Eden Valley was characterised by significant rainfall in June, followed by a dry spring. Variable fruit set and frost impacted the yield potential, however rain at the beginning of December assisted canopy and berry development and good soil moisture levels supported vine growth well into January. The mild summer weather eventually warmed up and dried out, with some short bursts of heat, leading into a warm, dry autumn, which delivered optimal maturity and ripeness in the fruit. The resulting white wines show pure and intense primary fruit with stunning acidity and freshness. Our focus on canopy health in the vineyard was vital in producing vibrant fruit in the 2024 growing season and this attention to detail resulted in impressive colour and intensity of fruit character in our red wines, with excellent tannin maturity and evocative aromas.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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