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2022 JOHANN'S GARDEN

GRAPE VARIETY

79% grenache and 21% mataro grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 24 March - 23 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.48 | Acidity: 5.74g/L

MATURATION

The grenache and mataro are vinified separately and matured in 100% seasoned French oak hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Bright ruby with garnet hues. Perfumed aromas of freshly cut plum and rhubarb are complemented by delicate notes of violet and lavender, with alluring hints of fresh mace, nutmeg and white pepper. The palate is rich, juicy and plush, with fresh red berries, raspberry and vanilla spice flavours, carried by fresh acidity and a long, elegant finish of fine tannins.

BACKGROUND

This wine is named as a tribute to the early Silesian community of the Barossa, many of whom carried the first name of *Johann*. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant that the many generations that followed rejoiced in the riches of their prudent efforts. Their traditions and culture have survived to this day, including the winemaking techniques of open-top fermentation used in this grenache mataro blend. It is produced from low-yielding Barossa Survivor Vines, categorised by the Barossa Old Vine Charter as vines that are equal or greater than 70 years old. These gnarled, dry-grown bush and trellised vines from selected vineyards in the Barossa Valley are grown in soils ranging from friable clay loam with limestone fragments to deep sandy loam over clay. Barossa growers traditionally referred to their vineyard as their 'garden', from the German *der Weingarten*.

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;
15+ years (from vintage).

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