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2024 HENRY'S SEVEN

GRAPE VARIETY

76% shiraz, 16% grenache, 7% mataro and 1% viognier grown in the Barossa (53% Barossa Valley and 47% Eden Valley).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 29 February – 15 April | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.48 | Acidity: 6.2g/L

MATURATION

The viognier was co-fermented with shiraz, while the grenache and mataro were fermented separately. Matured in 10% new French oak hogsheads and 90% seasoned oak hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Crimson with violet hues. Captivating aromas of blueberry, mulberry, raspberry and satsuma plum, with notes of violet, lavender, mace, bay leaf and sage. The palate is rich and elegant, with fresh red and blue fruits interlaced with savoury spice, clove, white pepper and cedar, offering generous depth and well-integrated fine tannins that carry through to a long finish.

BACKGROUND

This shiraz, grenache, mataro and viognier blend is a tribute to Henry Evans who planted the first vineyard of seven acres at Keyneton in 1853. He quickly developed a reputation for producing the best wines in the southern colony. Following Henry's death in 1868, his widow Sarah exercised her temperance convictions by closing the winery and uprooting all of the wine grapes. This blend highlights the historical introduction of southern French and Spanish varieties to South Australia in those early days of viticulture and reflects the history, religion and culture of the Barossa.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The 2024 vintage began with high June rainfall, providing a strong foundation for the season, followed by dry conditions from August through to October, and a warmer than average September that accelerated budburst and later phenology. Substantial rain events between late November and early January supported excellent canopy growth and berry development, setting the vines up well for a notably dry summer, with no rainfall in February. Short bursts of heat promoted ripening, leading to an earlier than usual Barossa Valley harvest in late February. All Barossa Valley shiraz was picked by early March and the cooler weather later in the month provided optimal conditions for ripening and harvesting mataro, which extended into early April. Shiraz, grenache and mataro were standout varieties of the season, delivering exceptional quality. The 2024 vintage reflects a balance of timely rain, ideal canopy growth, and a dry, warm finish, resulting in vibrant and expressive wines.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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