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2019 TAPPA PASS

GRAPE VARIETY

100% shiraz from up to 70 year-old, low-yielding vines grown in the Barossa (Eden Valley and Barossa Valley regions).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 04 - 13 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.55 | Acidity: 5.9g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 16% new and 84% seasoned French hogsheads for 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep ruby with violet hues. Vivid and intense aromas of blueberry, red currant, mulberry, anise, violets and crushed flowering herbs, revealing more subtle notes of burnt orange, sage, cardamom, white pepper and cedar. A powerful and concentrated palate of rich red berries and cut plums, excellent freshness and balance, and textural layers of fine, velvety tannins.

BACKGROUND

The Barossa has a core of traditional growers of German Silesian descent, dating back five generations, staunchly continuing on the traditions of their forebears. Occasionally one or two parcels of fruit of overwhelming quality come over the weighbridge; this is such an example. This wine is sourced from up to 70-year-old, low-yielding shiraz vines from a selection of historical grower vineyards at Tappa Pass and Light Pass, growing in low-fertility Neoproterozoic soils more than 542 million years old, that range from red-brown earths to terra rossa. These vineyards provide shiraz fruit from both the Eden and Barossa Valleys of the Barossa zone, vinified in traditional open-top fermenters.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

Vintage 2019 shaped up to be a challenging one, with below-average yields, however the quality was very high, with beautiful expressions of varietal character and generally good balance and structure. Yields were down due to 'hen and chicken' (berries of difference sizes), caused by cold, wet conditions during flowering. Shiraz yields were the most affected by these factors, influenced by hail and severe wind causing poor set. A dry winter, spring and summer with warmer than average temperatures in January and February led to the advancement of maturity of all grape varieties in the Barossa Valley and an early onset of vintage.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
20+ years (from vintage).

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