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2022 STONE JAR

GRAPE VARIETY

100% tempranillo grown on the Henschke Eden Valley Vineyard, managed with organic and biodynamic practices.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 29 March | Alcohol: 13.5% | pH: 3.59 | Acidity: 5.88g/L

MATURATION

Matured in 100% seasoned (75% French, 25% American) oak hogsheads for 7 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Deep crimson with bright red hues. Vibrant and complex aromas of spiced plum, raspberry, black cherry, with hints of anise, cinnamon, white pepper and musk. An ethereal and uplifting palate of red berries and tamarillo is supported by a savoury core of dried herbs and brown spice, finishing long with fine-grained peppery tannins.

BACKGROUND

The 2022 Stone Jar Tempranillo pays tribute to Stephen and Prue's grandson Bosco Nicolas Henschke, second child of Johann and Angela, who was born in Spain with a congenital heart defect and passed away in 2019 at four weeks of age. He lives on in the Henschke family's love and memories. The tempranillo grape is native to northern Spain, where Bosco's maternal family have a long history of making wine from this variety. This single vineyard of tempranillo was planted in 2002, high in the Eden Valley, on rocky soils at the source of the North Para River. The *Stone Jar* name gives recognition to the German Silesian families and their rich and wonderfully varied traditions, which have been carried on for generations. Stephen's grandfather Paul Alfred sold his wine to local customers in stone jars, which in the Barossa were known as 'krugs'.

VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

The winter of 2021 brought good rainfall to refill soil profiles and the cool, slow start to the growing season resulted in budburst occurring two weeks later than average. An extreme hail event on 28 October decimated the young growth across our vineyards in Keyneton and significant crop potential was lost. Late flowering (late November/early December) avoided the cold and windy conditions, resulting in good fruit set, albeit smaller yields. A burst of summer heat without extremes supported berry development and balanced canopy growth. Welcome rain in late January kicked off veraison and ripening, providing a mild and dry finish to summer. 2022 was a late vintage with harvest dates 1-2 weeks later than the historical average. The resulting wines have great elegance with excellent aromatic and flavour intensity, bright acidity and wonderful ageing potential.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Excellent vintage;
10+ years (from vintage).

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