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Muscat of Tappa Pass 2010

Grape Variety

Produced from fully ripened muscat blanc grapes grown at Tappa Pass in the Eden Valley region.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 18 March | Alcohol: 10.0% | pH: 2.88 | Acidity: 7.5g/l

Maturation

Muscat blanc grapes are fermented cool to enhance the floral muscat aromas, delicate flavours and 9% residual sweetness.

Vintage Description

The 2010 growing season was preceded by above average winter rainfall that built up moisture in the soil profile and provided water for the dams. Spring was mild with little frost damage and provided an even budburst. The weather remained cold and wet through spring which held back growth until a two-week high 30s heat wave in November affected flowering and fruit set. Spring rains continued into early summer right through until mid-December, making it the wettest year since 2005. The vines responded to the heat and grew vigorously until early January, developing lush canopies, but bunch development suffered as a result.

A roller-coaster ride of heat spikes and cool changes continued through a warm summer with occasional thunderstorms. The vines continued to look very healthy and went through veraison a week earlier than in 2009. Lower yields coupled with the mild ripening period resulted in incredibly concentrated fruit. Vintage began a week earlier than 2009, on February 8, and was in full swing by mid-February. The white vintage was all but finished a month later, with no signs of sunburn or drought-affected berries. The red harvest continued with deeply coloured, well-balanced grapes being picked during superb mild, dry conditions through to the third week of April. This produced fruit of exceptional quality with great acid balance.

Wine Description

Pale straw in colour. Sweet, lifted aromas of musk stick, apricot and rose petal with hints of Turkish delight and lavender. The lush, fruity palate shows marmalade and stone-fruit flavours while the crisp acidity ensures a long finish.



Cellaring Potential

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