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2019 JOHANN'S GARDEN

GRAPE VARIETY

78% grenache, 19% mataro and 3% shiraz grown in the Barossa Valley.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Harvest Date: 26 February - 28 March | Alcohol: 14.5% | pH: 3.40 | Acidity: 6.36g/L

MATURATION

Grenache, mataro and shiraz vinified separately. Matured in seasoned French hogsheads for 10 months prior to blending and bottling.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Bright ruby with pale ruby hues. Complex aromas of ripe blue plum, blueberry, raspberry and violets, with charcuterie, nutmeg, mace and black pepper, and undertones of lemongrass, turmeric and mace. A rich and supple medium-bodied palate of raspberry, baked plum with hints of musk, and savoury celery salt and peppercorn spice, driven by rolling, fresh acidity and fine-grained tannins for a long, polished finish.

BACKGROUND

Named as a tribute to the early German Silesian pioneers 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. This blend is just one of those blessings. The traditions and culture have survived to this day, including the traditional winemaking techniques of open-top fermentation used in this grenache blend. It is produced from low-yielding, old, gnarled, dry-grown bush and trellised vines on limestone soils from selected vineyards in the Barossa Valley. Barossa growers traditionally referred to their vineyard as their 'garden', from the German *weingarten*.

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 different 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 fruit set. A dry winter, spring and summer with warmer than average temperatures in January and February lead to the advancement of maturity of all grape varieties in the Barossa Valley and an early onset of vintage.

CELLARING POTENTIAL

Exceptional vintage,
10+ years (from vintage).

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