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Exceptional wines from outstanding vineyards

The Bootmaker Mataro 2015

Grape Variety

96% old-vine mataro and 4% old-vine grenache grown in a single vineyard in the Barossa Valley.

Technical Details

Harvest Date: 26 March | *Alcohol:* 14.5% | *pH:* 3.38 | *Acidity:* 6.30g/L

Maturation

Matured in 100% seasoned French hogsheads for 9 months prior to blending and bottling.

Background

The Bootmaker mataro pays tribute to the bounteous skillset of the Silesian Lutheran pioneering settlement of the Barossa. After plying his trade and building the Bootmaker's Cottage in the hills east of the Barossa Valley, the subsequent generations of Carl Pfeiffer's bootmaking family resettled on the deep sands of the river flats of the North Para, farming an eclectic array of grape varieties and stone fruits. Well suited to warm and dry conditions, old vine mataro thrives in this environment producing the emblematic delicious spice, elegance and svelte tannin of this variety.

Vintage Description

A traditionally wet winter, mild spring and excellent fruit set provided a great start to the 2015 vintage after four vintages with below average yields. Spring was dry and led into a very mild, dry summer with no disease, resulting in fruit with higher natural acidity, and incredible flavour and colour concentration. It was a dry, warm and windy start to January, with some welcome rain at the end of the month coinciding with the onset of veraison; perfectly timed for the old dry-grown vineyards. Mild weather followed from February through to April providing a fairytale vintage, with some Eden Valley shiraz in the winery before Easter. Barossa Valley growers red varieties, together with our estate Eden Valley fruit followed soon after, eventually winding down at the end of April as the rain and cooler temperatures set in. The 2015 vintage has provided stunning signature regional varieties that show extraordinary flavour, purity of fruit and acid balance with the potential for excellent ageing.

Wine Description

Crimson with garnet hues. Intensely perfumed aromas of raspberry essence, red cherry, blood orange and musk stick are complemented by enticing spicy notes of white pepper, nutmeg and cardamom. The palate is rich and pure with wild raspberries, blood oranges, cumquats, orange peel, coriander and fennel husk; the core built around fine red currant acidity, layers of chunky tannins, fleshy texture and a deliciously long finish.



Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage,
20+ years (from vintage).

Decanting is recommended.

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