

STONE ALTAR GRENACHE

Variety: Old Vine Grenache

Vintage: 2022

Region: Barossa, South Australia

Alcohol: 14.5%

At the foot of the iconic Kaiserstuhl mountain, the early Silesian settlers of the Barossa constructed a stone altar – a sanctuary for prayer in their new homeland. Our Krondorf Stone Altar Grenache is a tribute to the settlers' resourcefulness and resilience, which helped the famed Barossa old vines thrive.

Vintage Information

In recent decades, a cool ripening season is a blessing in the Barossa Valley. The 2022 season delivered below average temperatures and bright, sunny days from February through to harvest, which commenced two weeks later than average, with picking continuing into May. Good winter and spring rainfall set the vines up for reasonable yields, though impacted heavily and sporadically first by inclement conditions during fruit set, then by spring frost, then by severe hailstorms. Vineyards not impacted were optimistic about elegant and structured wines with depth and length of flavour.

Winemaking

The 2022 Grenache is handcrafted from three exceptional vineyard sites, including a small planting of Centenarian vines at the foothills of the Barossa Ranges. Vinified in small-format open fermenters for seven days of skin contact to extract colour and tannins, then matured in large premium French oak casks for 12 months.

Tasting Notes

Expressive aromas of turkish delight, dark cherry and raspberry, with notes of liquorice and spice. Medium-bodied, a core of supple fruit leads to flavours of red cherry, raspberry and hints of dried herbs. Sensational flow, composure and a fine chalky tannin profile provide a classy textural element to this wine.

Cellaring

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