2010

Colloca Cabernet Franc

Barossa Valley, Australia



VINTAGE

The 2010 vintage was preceded by good winter rainfall, providing sub-soil moisture for the summer months. This provided strong canopy growth and a strong fruit set. The summer ripening period was relatively cool with warm days, the normality, providing even ripening across the vineyards. Pristine flavours were developed in this time, with excellent tannin formation.

SINGLE VINEYARD

The grapes were selected from the Ross Family Vineyard in the Southern Foothills of the Barossa, near the township of Lyndoch from a flat gully block. Here, the grapes thrive on the gentle sun soaked Northern aspects that provides full varietal development of this late ripening variety. The soil is a rich Duplex structure of brown loam over red clay.

WINEMAKING

Fruit from each vineyard was picked at optimum ripeness, crushed directly into open top fermenters, with yeast added to immediately start the fermentation and remove the chance of any spoilage occurring. The subsequent day, and for a period of 6-8 days following, the fermenting must was hand 'pumped-over' twice a day. The wine was then drained and the skins pressed in an Air bag Press, for gentle skin contact resulting in softer and silkier tannin extraction. The wine was then transferred into 100% new French oak barrels for maturation. Over the next 15 months, the wine was racked twice and topped at regular intervals. Prior to bottling, the wine received a polishing filtration and then rested for 18 months in bottle prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

The nose displays lifted violet perfume, dark cherries, blueberry with mint overtones. The oak provides a cedar and spice character, while providing supporting tannin structure. The palate is soft and silky, with intense plum, red berries, cedar spice and choc mint flavours. Drinking well for your immediate enjoyment, but cellar with confidence of further enhancement.

Vintage	2010
Appelation	Barossa Valley
Composition	100% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol	14.7%
pH	3.33
Production	102 cases
Bottled Date	February 21, 2012
Release Date	September 26, 2014

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