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COLLOCA OLD VINE GRENACHE

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 Grenache grapes were selected from the Ross Family Vineyard's original plantings in the Southern Foothills of the Barossa from their 'Railway Block' in Lyndoch. Here the gnarled old vines thrive on the sun soaked hilltop vista in sandy soils. These represent the oldest vines on the property and are close to 100 years old.

WINEMAKING

Fruit was picked at optimum ripeness and crushed into directly into open top fermenters and yeast added to immediately start the fermentation and remove the chance of any spoilage occurring. The subsequent day, and for a period of 8-10 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 mainly new French oak barrels for maturation. Over the next 18 months the wine was raked twice and topped at regular intervals. Prior to bottling, the wine received a polishing filtration and was then aged 18 months in bottle prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

The nose has perfumed raspberries and red cherries with musk, sweet spices and lifted rose petal perfume. The tannins are soft and silky adding layers of structure to the fresh berry fruits and spices and providing great length, supported by integrated sweet toasted oak. Hints of white pepper linger on the finish. Drinking well for your immediate enjoyment, but cellar with confidence of further enhancement.



Vintage	2010
Appellation	Barossa Valley
Composition	100% Grenache
Alcohol	15.5%
pH	3.32
Production	253 cases
Bottled Date	February 20, 2012
Release Date	September 26, 2014



SILVER MEDAL

