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2021 COMONO CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**BACKGROUND**

Although the Barossa is perhaps better known for Shiraz, John has a long history of working with Cabernet Sauvignon. The Barossa can have mixed results with Cabernet, particularly in the warmer challenging years, so we were determined to find the right sites that reflected Cabernet varietal character and still displayed elegance and structure.

**VINTAGE**

With better winter rains, and a perfectly timed 30mm event at the start of February, we were rewarded with better crops and berry size after a few drought-affected lean years. Conditions through late February, March and April could only be described as perfect with mild to warm days with no heat spikes, combined with cool nights. This meant for a long even ripening period and a lovely pace to the vintage. 2021 will be remembered as an exceptional Barossa vintage.

**VINEYARDS**

The Eden Valley vineyard is owned by the Angas family and is located at their historic Hutton Vale Farm, located between the Henschke Hill of Grace and Mt Edelstone vineyards.

The Barossa Valley vineyard is located in the Moppa district in the North west corner of Barossa Valley. It is at a relative high altitude for Barossa at 340m (1115ft) above sea level and as such slightly cooler and later ripening than more southerly sites. The vineyard has red brown top soils over heavy red clays, scattered with ironstone and quartz.

**WINEMAKING**

Small batch fermentation in open top stainless steel fermenters. Twice daily plunging and/or pump overs with skin contact for 8 days. Maturation in French oak hogsheads (20% new) for 15 months. 250 cases made.

**WINEMAKERS NOTES**

**NOSE:** Aromas of cassis, blackcurrant leaf, cigar box and cedar .

**PALATE:** Layered blackcurrant, bramble and plum with cedar and cigar box playing supporting roles with fine but firm tannins.

*John and Tim Duval*



**TECHNICAL ANALYSIS**

Alc: 14% • pH: 3.42 • TA: 7 g/L

