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2022 ANNEXUS SHIRAZ

BACKGROUND

The first Annexus was borne in 2013 when we got access to an amazing 1858 planted grenache vineyard in Eden Valley. In 2016 we introduced an Annexus Mataro and finally, completing the deconstruction of our Plexus SGM, an Annexus Shiraz in 2021. Each vintage we aim to highlight a different, exceptional single parcel of Shiraz to showcase the amazing sites we have access to in our home, the Barossa.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage was set up beautifully with good soil moisture carrying over from the mild 2021 vintage. A significant October hail event reduced yields in some vineyards, but luckily most escaped without impacting quality. La Nina influenced weather patterns resulted in mild harvest conditions again, allowing for even flavour accumulation and vibrant aromatics and acidity. A standout season.

VINEYARD

The vineyard is owned and farmed by the Chapman family in the Moppa sub-region of the northern Barossa Valley. This small part of Moppa is renowned for its deep sandy soils. In fact, the vineyard is just over the fence from Penfolds and its famed Kalimna sands. John has worked with the Chapman family for decades, and in his time at Penfolds the vineyard was often a contributor to Grange. Impeccable shiraz country.

WINEMAKING

The fruit was fermented in open top stainless-steel fermenters with twice daily pump overs for 8 days, before maturation for 15 months in fine-grained French oak (20% in new French Oak hogsheads, the balance in seasoned French hogsheads). 250 cases made.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

NOSE: Spiced dark plums, chocolate, sage and sandalwood.

PALATE: Layers of bright mulberry mixed with rich, flowing dark fruits and hints of ironstone. Silty and grainy tannin provides the framework to match the fruit layers, with a finish of impact and length.



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc: 14.5% • pH: 3.47 • TA: 6.6 g/L

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