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2023 COMPONO 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

The 2023 vintage was the third vintage in a row influenced by La Nina weather patterns. Vineyards had excellent soil moisture and produced healthy crops, which combined with the cooler conditions to produce one of the latest starts to harvest in living memory. Barossa Valley Cabernet was picked on 14 April, and Eden Valley on 27 April.

VINEYARDS

Sourced from two Cabernet vineyards, one in Barossa Valley (36%) and the other in Eden Valley (64%). The Eden Valley vineyard is owned by the Angas family 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 of the North west corner of Barossa Valley. It is at a relative high altitude for Barossa at 340m (1115ft) above sea level with 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 (21% new) for 15 months. 470 cases made.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

NOSE: Aromas of cassis, blackcurrant leaf and cedar.

PALATE: Bright layers of blackcurrant and satsuma plum, a long and graceful palate, with fine, graphite-like tannins.



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alc: 14% • pH: 3.45 • TA: 6.6 g/L

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