2014 Barossa **GSM**

History

Grenache has been an integral variety in the Barossa since the early days of grape growing in the region. Traditionally used for fortified wines, Grenache was very much battered by the vine pull scheme of the 1970s. Today, it is easy to make the case that Grenache blended with its Rhone brethren of Shiraz and Mourvedre are the up and coming stars of the Barossa. Partnered alongside the best Shiraz, Grenache blends can make a significant one-two combination punch to ensure the world sits up and listens!

Vineyard Information

Our vineyard, located in Greenock in the west of the Barossa Valley was added to the Elderton family in 2010 and is a great addition to the portfolio. The 60 acre vineyard has plantings back to 1915 and a terroir that has been in demand by many of the Barossa's elite winemakers. Estate grown on the old Helbig vineyard, from some of the younger Grenache, Shiraz and Mourvedre (vine age 15 - 40 years). Yields are very low, to ensure that the younger vines remain healthy and have the vitality to produce exceptional fruit that belies their age.

Winemaker's Comments

Shiraz is typically the first to ripen and was open top fermented alone, with co-fermentation for the later ripening Grenache and Mourvedre. Both parcels were transferred separately to older French oak puncheons. The Shiraz was later added to the blend to enrich and balance the colours, aromas and flavours. Shiraz offers structure with black pepper and richness, Mourvedre gives earthiness and liquorice with Grenache offering roundness to palate and blue fruits.

- Richard Langford

Style	Bright, elegant, textural
Colour	Medium red with purple hues
Aroma & Palate	Pepper, blue fruits, anise and violets
Alc/Vol	14.0%

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Grenache 41%, **Shiraz** 40%, **Mourvedre** 19%

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Vineyard Source: 100% Estate Grown, Greenock

Vine Age: 15 - 40 years

Picking Date: 5 - 27 March 2014

Oak: Old French puncheons, 15 months

Cellaring: Drink now or cellar confidently for 5+ years