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TASTING NOTES

2009 Terra Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot



HARVEST DATE	April 2009
BOTTLING DATE	August 2010
PH	3.44
TA	6.66g/L
ALCOHOL	14.8%
BLEND	Shiraz - 50%, Cabernet Sauvignon - 37%, Petit Verdot - 13%

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2009 vintage started a little earlier than usual due to a week of hot weather. Following this, the weather settled down to an extended spell of warm, dry days and cool nights. Some light rain in March provided much needed relief for thirsty vines, and resulted in the vintage finishing well – producing wines with excellent colour and flavour.

VINIFICATION

The grapes are crushed and destemmed into fermenters. Yeast is added immediately once in fermenter and the ferments are pumped over twice daily to maximise colour, tannin and flavour extraction. Cooling is used to ensure ferments remain in the 22-25 degrees Celcius range which will allow the fruit to display maximum fruit expression. Pressing then occurs approximately seven days after crushing and the wine is then put into predominately French oak to mature.

BARREL AGEING

12 Month French and American Oak.

COMMENTS

The wine is mid red colour. It has a lifted blackberry fruit and toasty oak nose. The palate is medium weight but full of flavour with sweet berry and cherry fruit and some attractive spice and a splash of vanilla oak, adding complexity. The tannins are soft and smooth and contribute to the long length of the sweet fruit and vanilla.