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Terra Barossa Shiraz Cabernet Petit Verdot

VINTAGE	2010	REGION	Barossa
HARVESTED	April 2010	BOTTLED	August 2011
ALCOHOL	14.5%	BLEND	Shiraz - 69%, Cabernet Sauvignon - 21%, Petit Verdot - 10%



WINEMAKERS NOTE

The colour is a deep inky purple. The nose is a complex mixture of lifted berry fruit, pencil shavings/chocolate oak and ripe plums, with a floral lift from the Petit Verdot component. The palate is medium to full bodied. Due to the complexity of the blend, the palate starts with sweet plums and spice and then turns to blackcurrants and liquorice with dark chocolate interwoven throughout the mouth. Soft and sweet tannins then follow on with some great sweet fruit.

VINTAGE

The 2010 vintage followed good winter rainfall in 2009 and allowed the vineyards to commence the 2010 season with good soil moisture levels. This soil moisture, combined with moderate weather conditions throughout most of the growing season allowed for good fruit set and canopy development. In summary an excellent vintage, with very little extreme weather resulting in fantastic colour and flavour in red varietals, and excellent acid and flavour profiles.

WINEMAKING

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.

OAK MATURATION

12 Months in French and American Oak.

