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2022 STRYKER PETIT VERDOT

Petit Verdot is a late-ripening variety, often it is the last variety to be picked on our Kalleske farm. It is known for its deep purple colour, floral aromatics and high tannins. It is a versatile grape variety that can add depth and complexity to blends or stand alone as a medium-full bodied red wine.

Stryker gains its name from the person who assisted the blacksmith in his job, working with iron, using a furnace, anvil, and hammer. As children growing up on the farm, many a cold day was spent by Tony, Kym and Troy, assisting Grandfather Clarry forging points and shears by the warmth of the furnace in the blacksmith shop, all working as a Stryker.

GROWING SEASON

The 2022 vintage was excellent. Winter was significantly wetter than average getting the vines off to a brilliant start leading into Spring which was cool with median rainfall. Summer was mild and dry apart from rain on the last day. Autumn remained mild with generally perfect mid-20s weather combined with cool nights ensuring steady even ripening across all varieties. The 2022 yields were good and the quality is great, a classic Barossa vintage displaying rich flavours with fine balance.

VINEYARD

Stryker is from a single vineyard of Petit Verdot on the Kalleske property at Moppa. The hand-pruned vines are low yielding and soil is shallow sand with clay subsoil

WINEMAKING

The grapes were harvested on April 8th. They were then destemmed to an open top fermenter. Hand pump-overs were made morning and night to circulate the fermenting juice through the skins extracting flavour, colour and phenolics. The must was wild yeast fermented and was on skins for 12 days with a cool ferment of 18-26 degrees Celsius. At dryness the must was drained and pressed and following settling was filled to seasoned French oak hogsheads. It underwent natural malolactic fermentation in barrel and was matured for a year prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES

2022 Stryker is deep purple in colour.

It has a brilliant perfume lift with intense floral notes including violet and lavender, together with a touch of sage, dried herbs, and black cherry. The palate is medium bodied with rich purple fruit flavours. It is thoroughly juicy with solid tannins balancing out the bright crunchy fruit. These natural tannins add structure giving a refreshing dryness. Black licorice is evident as well as hints of dark cocoa. The finish is extremely lengthy. This is a varietal and balanced Petit Verdot that can be enjoyed now or over the next decade.



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