



2023 HERMANN's VINEYARD SHIRAZ

Barossa Valley, South Australia

The Story:

The Hahn family were among the original pioneers to the Barossa Valley, and began growing grapes in 1845. In 1997 a partnership was formed between 6th generation family custodians and internationally respected winemaker, Rolf Binder, in producing the JJ Hahn range of wines. Launched in 1999, as a shared desire to showcase the family's legacy of grape growing from a wonderful collection of Barossa old vine vineyards held in the family for generations. The range now encompasses small volumes of handmade wines, intended to be affordable and enjoyable to drink. Wines are crafted using fruit from a unique and expressive 'old vine' vineyard in the north-eastern region of the Barossa, owned, managed and worked by the Binder family.

The Vintage:

The 2023 vintage was a cool to warm year, with above-average rainfall in the winter and spring leading up to the vintage, which ensured the soil was well hydrated. However, there was little rainfall during the growing season, which allowed the vines to ripen the fruit without excess moisture, reducing disease risk. Harvest picking dates were much later than normal resulting wines produced all have great colour and strong flavour with a touch of elegance and amazing tannin structure.

The Winemaking:

Harvested before dawn, 100% whole berry ferment in traditional open fermenters for approximately 10 days. Pressed to tank to finish ferment before being transferred to seasoned USA and French oak hogsheads for approximately 14 months. The final wine was blended and bottled unfined and unfiltered.

Ken Gargett @ Wine Pilot: 93 points

Whole berries are fermented here before a maturation period of fourteen months in an evenly divided mix of French and American oak. The colour here is a deep magenta, while the nose exhibits notes of warm, dusty roads, black cherries, bay leaves, ripe plums and dark chocolate. This is a silky, finely rendered Shiraz, with a supple texture and very good length. The palate sees those bright, black cherries really come to the fore while there is a fine line of acidity running the length. This wine is an eight to ten year proposition, over which time it will surely improve further.

The Analysis:

Alc: 14.5%
pH: 3.6
TA: 6.0