



2023 STELZER ROAD MERLOT
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 very cool year, with above average rainfall. It thankfully remained dry during vintage removing any disease pressure which was great as the harvest picking dates were much later than normal. The resulting wines produced all have great colour and strong flavour with a touch of elegance and amazing tannin structure.

The Winemaking:

This fruit is from a combination of our own Marananga vineyard. Picked before sunrise, 100% destemmed whole berries into open fermenters for a 8-10 day ferment then basket pressed to seasoned French & USA hogshead barrels where it finished secondary ferment naturally. Remaining in these barrels for a further 14 months, then blended and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered (Vegan Friendly).

The Taste and Experience:

Deep ruby color with garnet hues with pleasant aromas of blackberries, plums, cloves, and hint of oak. Medium-bodied with flavors of juicy blackcurrant, stewed plums, and hints of clover and cinnamon spice. Soft and velvety tannins with a long smooth finish.

The Analysis:

Alc: 14.5%
pH 3.6
TA: 6.0