

2008 Landhaus Estate Grenache

Philosophy

The Landhaus winemaking philosophy is to deliver wines that express purity of flavour, show balance and structure whilst being rich, powerful and complex. From fastidious vineyard work to high quality winemaking techniques, the wines are handcrafted to ensure the individual nuances of the vineyard and variety is maintained.

Vineyard

The grapes come from a single vineyard in the Ebenezer district of Barossa Valley, where the soil is a sandy loam over yellow and red clay. The soil type allows the development of rich fruit flavours and ripe tannins. The vineyard was planted in 1940's. The Yield for 2008 was 1.5 tons to the acre.

Vintage - 2008

The 2008 season was a season of contrasts with significant impact from climatic factors. Barossa experienced generally good seasonal conditions, but some parts were challenged by a freak heatwave event lasting two weeks towards the end of the ripening season. The season was divided into two parts: 'before' the heatwave conditions which were conducive to very high quality, and 'after' conditions which presented some logistical challenges. The heatwave's impact accelerated ripening and quickly raised the baumé levels of later-ripening varieties. Overall at Landhaus we think it is an "outstanding" vintage, as we got most of the fruit off before the heatwave had any impact.

Winemaking

The fruit for the grenache is fermented on skins for 7 to 8 days at a cool temperature to enhance the pure berry fruit. The wine is then pressed and undergoes partial barrel fermentation. A natural malolactic fermentation is completed before the wine is racked.

Oak Treatment

The 2008 Grenache spent 16 months in: 100% 2 -4Yr Old French Oak

Tasting Note

The Grenache exhibits aromas of fresh raspberries, violets, lavender and spice. The palate shows weight and richness with a complex array of red berry fruits, fresh herbs, and savoury spice flavours. The texture is silky and mouth-filling with lively acid and fine tannins providing great balance and structure.



