

## Tasting Notes

**Hand picked from old bush vines** grown along the foothills of the Barossa Ranges.

The nose displays **aromas of fresh plums, blueberry and cherry** notes. The palate is **medium weight tasting of ripe cherries and raspberries balanced with hints of spice and a smooth tannin finish.**

It goes well with lamb roast and it is a perfect partner for a tapas platter or antipasto.

## Vineyard Notes

The Grenache fruit is sourced from **very low yielding old bush vines** which are hand pruned to 50-60 buds per vine. These old vines are grown on their own roots rather than grafted rootstock, naturally limiting the canopy growth and allowing for better fruit exposure to sunlight.

This exposure ensures even ripening of the grapes with **enhanced fruit flavour esters** and colour ripeness. The fruit is hand picked very late in the season at optimal ripeness.

## Vintage Report

The Barossa Valley confronted one of the earliest, smallest and quickest vintages in 2013, but **quality is outstanding.**

Rainfall in 2012 was the fifth driest on record, leading to early irrigation scheduling to give the vines the best possible start to the season. A cooler than average January followed by a warm February sped things up in the vineyard, leading to an early harvest.

Vintage started at Bethany on January 31 with Semillon first across the weighbridge and finishing on the March 19 just before a refreshing down pour of 16mm. Despite low yields, quality is strong across the board with reds showing **intense flavours, good colour and firm tannins.**

## Winemaking Report

Grapes were crushed and destemmed immediately after the morning harvest. Fermentation on skins using a selected yeast type occurred for 8-9 days at 20-25 degrees to maximise colour and flavour extraction.

The Grenache was matured in **French oak** for one year to balance tannin structure with red fruit flavour.

## Awards

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## Bethany 2013 Old Vine Grenache

### Region

Barossa

### Blend

100% Grenache

### Acidity

5.83 g/L

### Alcohol/Volume

14.8 %

### Residual Sugar

2.1 g/L

### Wine Maker

Geoff and Robert Schrapel

