



HILL OF GRACE 1996

Grape Variety

100% shiraz grapes from pre-phylloxera material brought from Europe by the early German settlers in the mid 1800s and grown in the Eden Valley wine region.

Background

Hill of Grace is a unique delineated single historic vineyard. The famous century-old Hill of Grace vines were planted around the 1860s by an ancestor, Nicolaus Stanitzki, in rich alluvial soil in a shallow fertile valley just north-west of the winery. The vineyard lies opposite a beautiful old Lutheran Church, built of local field stone, which was euphoniously named Gnadenberg, meaning 'Hill of Grace'.

Vintage Description

Average winter rainfall (after two drought years), a mild spring with excellent flowering conditions, dry and cool summer. The cool conditions allowed for a long slow ripening with excellent flavour development.

Wine Description

Very deep crimson in colour. Sweet blackberries, cherries and plums with anise, spicy peppery characters and vanillin aromas. The palate is concentrated and rich with complex flavours, great length and finishes with velvety, silky soft tannins.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, optimum year 2011.

Serving Ideas

Rare grilled fillet of wild hare or kangaroo with barley risotto, fried onions and a reduced game glaze lightly infused with juniper berries.

Technical Data

Harvest date: 2 - 11 April
Alcohol: 13.8
pH 3.48
Acid: 5.7