



HILL OF GRACE 1998

Grape Variety

100% shiraz grapes from pre-phylloxera material brought from Europe by the early 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

The preceding winter was unusually dry, with frosty nights and clear days. The rain instead came in spring, and the luxuriantly growing vines benefited from the greenhouse effect. The indicators were of a hot dry summer, although only a serious burst of heat was experienced in mid January and again at the end of February; otherwise it was a mild summer, which had a significant delaying effect on the ripening process. An early onset of autumn caused a late harvest, with average yields, good to exceptional quality and intense flavour in the grapes.

Wine Description

Very deep crimson in colour. A sweet ripe complex exotic nose of prunes, plums, blackberries, cedar and chocolate aromas. A rich sweet succulent palate, complex and well-structured with excellent concentration and texture, finishing long with velvety tannins.

Cellaring Potential

Exceptional vintage, optimum year 2018. Decant before serving.

Serving Ideas

Wild hare with field mushrooms.

Technical Data

Harvest date:	15 - 16 April
Alcohol:	13.7
pH	3.41
Acid:	6.1