



JOHANN'S GARDEN BUSH VINE GRENACHE SHIRAZ MOURVÈDRE 2003

Grape Variety

73% grenache, 17% shiraz and 10% mourvèdre grapes from selected vineyards growing in the Barossa Valley.

Wine Description

Deep crimson in colour. Sweet ripe intense spicy rhubarb, plums, anise herbs and mace aromas. Beautiful lush ripe blackberry and mulberry hints on the palate form a central core of fruit; delicious sweet mature velvety tannins and a long finish.

Cellaring Potential

Excellent vintage, drink 2007.

Serving Ideas

Paella.

Technical Data

Harvest date:	21 March-29 April
Alcohol:	15.2%
pH:	3.36
Acid:	6.1 g/l

Background

Named as a tribute to the early Barossa Lutheran pioneers, many of whom carried Johann as their first name. Their toil, perseverance and conservatism in hardship has meant that the many generations that followed rejoiced in the riches of their prudent efforts. The grenache is just one of those blessings and has been appropriately named after Johann Alfred Zobel, whose 70-year-old vines growing on the banks of the North Para, form the base of this wine. Barossa growers traditionally referred to their vineyard as their 'garden'. The traditions and culture have survived to this day including the winemaking techniques used in this grenache blend. It is produced from low-yielding, old, gnarled, dry-grown bush vines from selected vineyards.

Vintage Description

After one of the worst droughts in history the soil moisture profile and dams were lower than at the start of winter. Spring was frosty and windy but not overly wet. The frosts in October were bad news for many, although the rains were at least strategic, which resulted in better fruit set than the previous year. The hot, dry and windy weather during summer stressed the vines severely, reducing the berry size and crop. A serious rain event occurred in late February causing some fruit split. 2003 must surely go down on record as being one of our hottest, driest and windiest summers, leading to a smaller vintage of potentially very good quality.

TASTING NOTES