

JENKE

2005 Barossa Merlot



VINEYARDS

Johann Jenke arrived in Port Adelaide in 1854 and settled in the Barossa Valley. The family were part of the wave of German immigration fleeing the religious persecution in Silesia (East Germany). The family has now tended the same family vineyards for six generations. Its first wine under the Jenke label was in 1989.

The vineyard is situated on the rich alluvial river flats of the North Para River, at Rowland Flat, at the southern end of the Barossa Valley. It consists of 140 acres of premium Barossa grapes. The grape varieties include Chardonnay, Semillon, Grenache, Mourvèdre, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Many vineyards are well over 50 years old. The vines are all hand pruned on single wire vertical trellis systems.

DESCRIPTION:

This is the ninth release of the Merlot varietal. The wine is a medium to full bodied style, highlighting the characters of Merlot.

SOURCE

The grapes were grown on the Golf Link's Vineyard adjoining the Para River in Barossa Valley. The vines were planted in 1989 on alluvial loam which is well drained.

WINEMAKING:

The vines are pruned to approximately 70 buds per vine and mechanically pruned and harvested. The grapes were harvested at 15 be and fermented in open top ferment tanks - fermented on skins for 10 days. After racking, the wine was returned to barrel where it remained for 12 months before bottling. The wine is bottled with no filtration or fining.

COOPERAGE:

Partially barrel-fermented in seasoned French oak.

ANALYSIS:

Alcohol 15.5%

PRODUCTION:

1200 cases; 400 exported to U.S.

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