



Rosemount Estate

Grenache Shiraz 2002



Grenache is one of wine's longest serving grape varieties, with plantings dating back into pre-history evidenced by its wide distribution today throughout the South of France and Northern Spain.

In Australia, the variety was amongst the first to be planted in early viticulture over one hundred and fifty years ago, along with the classic Shiraz variety, also selected in those early years for its capacity to grow in warm, dry climates.

The two varieties have often been combined and invariably create a delicious synergy of flavours, exemplified by this wine, which draws upon the rich perfume and dusty, exotic spice characters of Grenache to complement the deep berry fruit and pepper flavours of Shiraz.

This wine combines 65% Grenache and 35% Shiraz.

Regional Source

South Eastern Australia

Vintage Conditions

The 2002 Vintage throughout the majority of South Eastern Australia was characterized by cool conditions in Spring and Summer. A warm, dry Autumn followed that ensured the grapes reached an optimum ripeness. The long ripening period and cool temperatures ensured a crop was harvested with great character and persistent flavours.

Grape Variety

Grenache, Shiraz (Syrah)

Maturation

Both wines underwent a warm ferment to optimise their natural characteristics. They were then taken off skins towards the end of fermentation to minimise tannins. The wine was oak matured for 3 months

Winemaker Comments: Andrew Koerner



Colour

Bright red - plum.



Nose

The nose is lifted and expressive with red berry fruit aromas combining with exotic perfume, spice and a subtle hint of toasted oak.



Palate

The palate highlights summer fruits, red berries along with warm cloves and spice. The wine has a supple mouth-feel and a generous, warm finish typical of Grenache. The subtle oak treatment has provided structure without unduly imparting character.

Wine Analysis

Last Tasted

9 Sep 2002

Peak Drinking

Now - 2004

Food Matches

Ideally suited to Asian, Pasta, Duck & Game

