# 2022 MATARO ROSE





**Technical Notes:** 

Winemaker: Matt Reynolds

Varietal: Mataro 93%

Cinsaut 7%

**Region:** Barossa Valley

**Alcohol:** 13.5% alc/vol

**pH:** 3.10

**TA:** 7.3 g/L

Residual Sugar: 2.52 g/L

**Bottled:** 22 June 2022

## **Vintage Conditions:**

The growing season leading into the 2022 vintage was a blessing, with above average, soaking winter rains followed by above average early spring rainfall, filling the soil profile for the first time in years. A significant hailstorm on the 28th October and wet, windy and cold flowering conditions reduced potential yield. December 2021 through harvest was cool and dry, which delayed harvest but allowed for the fruit to evenly ripen on the vine while maintaining great fruit condition. Albeit final yields were reduced by 30%, the richness and power of the wines combined with freshness and purity from the cooler season, has made for back to back great vintages.

### **Vineyard Selection:**

The Mataro was sourced from our Hares Chase vineyard, while the Cinsaut was sourced from a neighboring vineyard.

# Winemaking:

The Mataro and Cinsaut field blend was harvested at optimal ripeness, destemmed and pressed to minimise colour and phenolics. Settled and racked with some solids which were combined and rolled with the juice for 12 days prior to inoculation and fermented cold. At the completion of fermentation, the wine was stabilized, filtered and bottled without fining.

#### **Tasting Evaluation:**

Colour: Bright, pale salmon pink.

**Aroma:** Fresh and bright light red berried fruits of raspberry and red cherry. Rose petal and subtle spice characters of star anise, cinnamon and cloves fill the sensors.

**Palate:** The vibrant and fresh sweet fruit flavours of light red cherry, raspberry and citrus cascade across the palate, held in check with soft textural phenolics and crisp acidity.