



The Unforgettable GSM 2021

South Australia

Larger than life and just a little bit fruity, The Unforgettable is the perennial life and soul of the party. But underneath the jovial facade lies a thoughtful, loyal chap who never forgets who his friends are.

Vintage Conditions

Rare is the vintage that combines good yields and high quality but 2021 was just that. A remarkable vintage in that it was once again pandemic affected but that it was measured and mild with none of the heat spikes or drought conditions of recent years. With good levels of winter rains filling soil profiles, the mild weather with intermittent rains throughout the growing and ripening season ensured that fruit ripened over a long period of time and the vintage was one of the longest in recent history. The results are spectacular, healthy fruit, moderate sugars and complex flavours, have resulted in wines of beautiful balance, fragrance and varietal typicity.

Viticulture

The fruit for the 2021 comes from Langhorne Creek and from the Riverland. Langhorne Creek is often overlooked in favour of the more glitzy McLaren Vale and Barossa but it is a region with over 160 years history and some remarkable old vineyards. Similarly, in the Riverland we work with the oldest vineyards where yields are low and quality high.

Winemaking

Vinification, as one might expect with good fruit, is very simple. The Grenache was picked in early morning before arrival at the winery where it underwent a very gentle crush and then an open ferment with twice daily pump-overs. Extended time on skins post ferment was followed by pressing and then maturation on French oak. Additions of perfectly balanced Langhorne Creek Shiraz and old vine Mataro were made and the final blend achieved with the focus on bright, exuberant yet crunchy fruit. The wine spends 4 months in older French oak.

Tasting

The Unforgettable is a generous blend of 3 varieties (Grenache, Shiraz, Mataro), all of whom are long-term friends that know the benefits of teamwork. Working in cahoots, they produce a wine with succulent red berry fruit with hints of spice and chocolate. A clever, friendly wine that is indeed truly Unforgettable.

Blend: 45% Grenache, Shiraz 35%, Mataro 20%

Alcohol: 14.5%

Total Acidity: 5.93 g/l

pH: 3.54

Residual Sugar: <2 g/l

SO2: 67 mg/l

Vegan: Yes

Vegetarian: Yes

