

# TASTING NOTES



B & W Wines

## MAGPIE ESTATES "THE CALL BAG" GRENACHE MOURVEDRE, 2012

### BACKGROUND

MAGPIE ESTATE WAS FOUNDED IN 1993. IT WAS THE RESULT OF A FUSION OF IDEAS BETWEEN ROLF BINDER OF VERITAS, AND NOEL YOUNG A WINE MERCHANT IN CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND. BOTH HAD A PASSION FOR RHONE WINES AND THE RHONE VARIETIES. THE BAROSSA IS WELL SUITED TO THESE VARIETIES, AND INDEED SYRAH (SHIRAZ), GRENACHE AND MOURVEDRE (MATARO) MAKE UP SOME OF THE ORIGINAL PLANTINGS IN THE BAROSSA VALLEY. ROLF HAD LONG BEEN A CHAMPION OF THESE VARIETIES IN AUSTRALIA, AND CONTINUED TO MAKE WINES FROM THESE FAIRLY UNFASHIONABLE GRAPES. MAGPIE WAS A CHANCE TO CREATE SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT AND UNIQUE. THE MAGPIE PHILOSOPHY IS ONE OF FUN, AND TO EXCEED EXPECTATION. THE HOUSE STYLE IS GREAT COMPLEXITY OF FLAVOUR, WITH SOFT TANNINS AND INTEGRATED OAK. THE STYLES ARE DEFINED BY NOEL, WITH THE OBVIOUS INPUT OF THE WINEMAKER ROLF BINDER.

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THIS COULD EASILY BE CALLED OUR 'ESTATE RED' AS IT WAS THE FIRST WINE WE MADE IN 1993 IT'S OUR ANSWER TO GOOD COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES, ALTHOUGH THIS IS CLEARLY A BAROSSAN WINE. ROUGHLY 60% MOURVEDRE, 40% GRENACHE. LOVELY FRUITCAKE AND SPICE NOSE, BLACK CHERRY, CLOVE, AND CINNAMON, WITH A TOUCH OF OAK. REALLY BRIGHT AND JUICY, MULLED WINE SPICES ALONGSIDE THE BLACK CHERRY AND PLUM FRUIT, A TOUCH OF CREAMY OAK AND RIPE TANNINS. WE LIKE THIS WINE WITH SOME AGE WHEN IT BECOMES REALLY SOFT AND SUPPLE.



**VINTAGE:** 2012

**WINERY:** MAGPIE ESTATES ([HTTP://MAGPIEESTATE.COM/](http://magpieestate.com/))

**REGION:** BAROSSA VALLEY

**AVAILABILITY:** AVAILABLE NOW IN CONSIGNMENT

**CASE QUANTITY:** 12 BOTTLES PER CASE

**BOTTLE SIZE:** 750 ML

**COMPOSITION:** GRENACHE/GARNACHA (100%)