

# Schwarz Wine Company



## - 2010 Thiele Road Grenache -

Planted in 1941, our family Grenache block on Thiele Road in Bethany remains one of my favourite blocks. The gnarled, old vines continue to produce fantastic fruit and the quality out of the 2010 vintage was evident as soon as I tasted the fruit in the vineyard.

The vines are handpicked, 10% whole bunch and the remainder destemmed and into an open fermenter. Before too long the wild yeast population on the grapes kicks off fermentation and that continues with daily gentle pump-overs and hand-plunging until fermentation is complete and the flavour profile is just right. The wine is then basket pressed and matured in seasoned French oak for 18 months before bottling.

We are very lucky in the Barossa to have some of the oldest Grenache vines in the world and I sometimes think that we tend to unappreciate the variety. After all, it is one of the most versatile wines around when it comes to match-ing with food and when the temperatures increase outside, don't be afraid to pop it into the fridge for a while to chill down and provide a refreshing red for you and your friends.

**Colour:** Deep red/purple

**Bouquet:** The 2010 Thiele Road Grenache is immediately expressive in its aromas smells of with vibrant red cherry, redcurrant and cranberry leaping from the glass as you take your first sniff. Hints of red licorice, exotic Asian spice, gingerbread, dried citrus peel and glazed red-fruits with lighter notes of jasmine and seasoned oak.

**Palate:** Medium-bodied on the palate with well-defined red cherry and redcurrant fruit characters with a dash of high-toned cranberry giving the wine a delicious lift. Hints of red licorice, Barossa earth, gingerbread and spice biscuits combine with notes of raspberry compote, jasmine, gently spiced seasoned oak and milk chocolate to provide a heady mix of flavours. There is a seam of vibrant acidity and fine, ripe sandy tannins providing plenty of energy and structure as the wine sails along harmoniously to a persistent finish.



<b>Variety:</b>	Grenache	<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>Vintage:</b>	2010	<b>pH:</b>	3.38
<b>Region:</b>	Barossa Valley	<b>Production:</b>	220 cases
<b>Soil:</b>	Sandy loam with pebbles over red clay	<b>Oak:</b>	100% French old
<b>Vine Age:</b>	Planted in 1946	<b>Bottled:</b>	11 March 2012
			Non filtered or fined

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