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TASTING NOTES

Il Acquario 2009 (Shiraz/Tempranillo/Viognier)

Summary:

This Il Acquario wine is at last back on our list again. It was last produced from the vintage of 2006, and is only made in years where quality is at its best. The 2009 blend is unique and rare. In the 2006 blend we used Grenache, which has now been replaced by Tempranillo. To the future this could change again, as the Il Acquario is a wine that best represents the vintage and to which varieties best perform and ofcourse best blend together.

This wine is also a first for us, as it has not been fined and has not been filtered. It therefore shows its true colours of Heathcote and the 2009 vintage.

Very aromatic, expressing blackberries, liquorice, hints of spice and black pepper, with a floral undertone. The palate exhibits rich fruit and dark berries, the tannins are fine and well rounded. There's an earthy/savoury underlying aspect from the Tempranillo, nice tight acidity and a great length and balance that will age well.

Origin:

Heathcote, Victoria

Blend:

Shiraz 73% Tempranillo 25% Viognier 2%

Winemaking:

This wine was made in individual parts, with the Shiraz Viognier being co-fermented. The wines were matured in French oak barriques, for 12 months, only the best barriques of each variety were selected to be blended into the Il Acquario.

Bottled:

August 2010

Alcohol:

14.0%

Ageing Potential:

Enjoy now, or cellar for 4-6 years