

THE 12TH MAN

OUR LATE FOUNDER, GREG TROTT, SAW THE GAME OF CRICKET AS THE MOST NOBLE OF PURSUITS. AS A YOUTH, HE EVEN BUILT HIS OWN CONCRETE PITCH AT THE FAMILY FARM TO EMULATE HIS HEROES. TROTT ENVISAGED WEARING THE FAMOUS BAGGY GREEN CAP - IF ONLY TO CARRY THE DRINKS AS 12TH MAN. IF THE DRINKS TRAY SPORTED OUR ADELAIDE HILLS CHARDONNAY, TROTTY WOULD HAVE BEEN WARMLY WELCOMED AT ANY CRICKET FIXTURE.



VINTAGE

2010

REGION

Adelaide Hills

SUB REGION

Lenswood

GRAPE VARIETY

Chardonnay (100%)

COLOUR

Vibrant gold with green flashes.

BOUQUET

Pungent aromatics marrying peach flesh, almond kernel, brioche and citrus flowers together to form a very complex, intriguing nose. Subtle hints of background spice, oak and freshly spun cream adds further intrigue.

PALATE

Intensely flavoured with up front lime and grapefruit zest further developing into nutty notes, oak char and lees character. The palate is balanced between acid tightness, tannin influence and textural fruit flavour.

DRINK

Cellaring up to 5 – 7 years for optimal drinking.

FOOD MATCH

Shell fish paella with side of steamed asparagus and crusty bread.

OAK MATURATION

100% oak matured in a combination of 40% new oak with the balance 1,2 and 3 year old French burgundian coopered oak. Coopers of choice in 2010 were Seguin Moreau, Mercurey, Francois Freres & Sirugue.

VINIFICATION

Grapes were whole bunch pressed with no additional sulphur or enzyme additions. The wine was then pressed with the free run component of the juice transferred to French oak, natural fermentation commenced from indigenous yeast. All barrels were tasted weekly with lees stirring introduced based on taste. To add complexity to the wine, malo-lactic fermentation commenced in selected barrels. Other barrels were sulphured on lees at various stages through maturation to capture fruit brightness.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

3.23 pH 6.7 TA 1.3 RS g/L 13.0 ALC %

WINEMAKERS

Paul Smith & Paul Carpenter.



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