

Grosset,

`Gaia` Clare Valley Cabernet Sauvignon/Cabernet Franc

2022

Clare Valley, South Australia, Australia

GROSSET



PRODUCER

Jeffrey Grosset's love of Riesling began at 15 when his father came home with a bottle to share with the family. This bottle was enough to inspire a young Jeffrey to enrol in the local agricultural college and complete qualifications in both Agriculture and Oenology by the age of 21. After honing his craft in Australia and Germany, he bought an old milk depot in the Clare Valley town of Auburn, founding his eponymous winery in 1981. Since then, through great skill and exceptional vineyard management, this old milk depot has been transformed into one of Australia's finest wineries. 'Polish Hill' Riesling has cult status and Jeffrey has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for producing world class, age-worthy wines.

VINEYARDS

Planted at 570 metres, at the highest point of the Clare Valley, the Gaia vineyard is a rocky, isolated, wind-swept two hectare block close planted by Grosset in 1986. From Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, this is a powerful, brooding red.

VINTAGE

The season started with a dry, cool autumn, followed by heavy winter rainfall. Higher than average rain in spring led to decent soil moisture and well-irrigated vines. Budburst was delayed slightly and combined with a cool summer, led to one of the latest starts to the vintage in over a decade. Nonetheless, the region managed to escape damage from fire and hail. The grapes ripened gradually and vines ended up producing fruit with healthy natural acid levels and complex varietal character.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand picked, crushed and destemmed into tank at a cool temperature to undergo a cold soak. Fermentation and malolactic fermentation took place in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine was then racked to oak, of which 45% was new and the remaining between one and two years old, for an 18 month maturation period. Bottling followed without fining or filtering and the wine was aged for a further year in bottle before release.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Grosset 'Gaia' shows the benefit of low yields in the intensity of its flavours, power, and the promise it holds for its future. There are vibrant bramble, blackcurrant, and dark cherry aromas, before a palate which shows power, weight and depth of flavour. The tannins are fine and elegant.

Grape Varieties	85% Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Cabernet Franc
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Winemaker	Jeffrey Grosset
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Closure	Screwcap
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ABV	14%
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Residual Sugar	0.6g/L
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Acidity	6.6g/L
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Wine pH	3.4
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Bottle Sizes	75cl, 150cl
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Notes	Vegetarian, Practising Biodynamic, Practising Organic, Vegan
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