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# SCHWARZ WINE CO.

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## 2012 THIELE ROAD GRENACHE

The family Grenache block on Thiele Road in Bethany re-mains one of Jason Schwarz's favourite blocks. The gnarled, old vines were planted in the 1940s and they produce fantastic fruit.

The grapes are handpicked before the short trip to the winery (about 2km) where 15% was set aside for whole bunch ferment and the remainder of the fruit was gently de-stemmed into an open fermenter. The wild yeast ferment wasn't in a hurry, so there was an extended maceration. When the ferment did begin there were gentle pump-overs in the morning and hand-plunges in the afternoon. The wine was basket pressed and matured in seasoned French oak for 18 months before bottling.

**Colour:** Dark cherry/purple with lighter brick-red edges.

**Bouquet:** Starts out with subtle sour cherry notes, opens up to wild plum, prune and a hint of bright raspberry. Underneath there are layers of lightly-smoked and slightly-minty meats.

**Palate:** This is a medium-weight wine, and while it is not fruit-forward, there are bright and lifted red raspberry and cherry flavours within a nice line of subtle earthy and tarry notes. The impact of the 15% whole-bunch ferment is evident through the subtle, grippy tannin and hints of green peppercorn and star anise spiciness.

**Variety:** 100% Grenache  
**Vintage:** 2012  
**Region:** Barossa Valley  
**Vineyards:** Thiele Road, Bethany  
**Alcohol:** 14.6%  
**Production:** 250 cases

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