



\$29.99

**2003 "Harmony"
'Old Vine' Mataro Grenache and Shiraz**

'93' Wine & Spirits

"Tremendously elegant, this blend of shiraz, mataro and grenache has superb balance. As its flavors broaden with air, they grow increasingly detailed, from silken black currant to succulent black mushroom and black olive melding with herbal red spice. The fruit has fullness, the structure a sleek energy to sustain it for long aging."

'91' Wine Advocate

Region: Barossa Valley

Varietal: Shiraz (50%), Grenache (25%) and Mataro (25%)

Colour: Bright and inky core, with dark plum edge

Bouquet: Intense floral and rockmelon from the Grenache, with lifted blackberry compote, earthy spiciness and savoury meaty characters with a splash of mocha, from the Mataro and Shiraz.

Palate: Well balanced, full concentrated palate, true to aromas, with a good, fine tannin grip, and long plummy, gamey, minerally, black olive finish.

Viticulture:

The driftwood looking 80 year old Grenache and 70 year old Mataro vines from Ken Fowler's iconic Pioneer Vineyard on the Western Ridge of the Barossa Valley at Gomersal provide the Old Vine components for Harmony. These dry grown vines get only a sip of water when seasonal conditions are extreme. Nine year old Shiraz vines from a new icon vineyard at Bethany, Barossa Valley, provided the Shiraz grapes for Harmony.

Winemaking and Maturation:

The grapes were all handpicked and the wine handmade with artisanal methods, including open tank fermenters, cap plunging and pump overs, followed by basket pressing, to maximize colour and flavour profiles. All pressings were included in the new wine, which was transferred to seasoned French oak hogsheads for completion of primary and malolactic fermentations and maturation. All three component wines were vinified separately. After 24 months maturation these components were blended, and Harmony was then bottled unfinned / unfiltered under Stelvin seal to keep the wine at its freshest for longest.

