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BEST IN SHOW!

## 2014 THE DOG STRANGLER MATARO

"In the wide and wonderful world of wine you'll find around 60 or more synonyms for one of our favourite varieties – Mataro. There's the well-known ones such as Mourvedre and Monastrell and lesser known ones such as Balzac and Exparte. Now we love the mutts at Teusner (where dogs can sometimes out number humans!)...so it's somewhat ironic that we chose this particular name for Mataro...*Estrangle Chien* in France...The Dog Strangler in the Barossa!

The 2014 Barossa vintage will go down as a testament to the ability of both grapes and people to thrive under challenge as Mother Nature threw a few curve balls. Winter and spring rainfalls were up 20% on the previous year, but the region then got smashed by frosts in November which saw total crop losses for some vineyards. Warmer than average temperatures through the growing season led to an early start to vintage in late January...but not before the Eden Valley experienced one of its worst days with a huge grassfire on January 17<sup>th</sup> causing significant damage to farms. Then came the Valentines Day rain...around 6 inches in one day...around 30% of the annual rainfall for the district. Fortunately what followed was generally cool conditions and the vintage proceeded at a leisurely pace. Whilst yields were again down, the quality across the varietal spectrum looked solid.

Select parcels of old vine Mataro have been sourced from all over the Barossa...from Vine Vale, Greenock, Moppa and Ebenezer...all vinified separately to produce a wine that is complex and a pleasure to drink. There's plenty of dark plum, mulberry fruits and five spice character on this Dog's nose. Rich, savoury and spicy on the palate...all the stuff that makes us love this variety in abundance. This Dog is clearly 'Best in Show!'

KYM TEUSNER, CHIEF DOG HANDLER



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