

TASTING NOTES



2021 ESTATE SHIRAZ

Vintage Conditions

The region received good early rains in autumn 2020 to replenish some moisture in the profiles, after coming off the driest back to back seasons ever experienced. Winter rains were average and those vineyards that supplemented with irrigation to get moisture to depth set the vines up for spring growth and spring rains were above average. Temperatures in November were above average without any significant weather events paving the way for fantastic fruit set. January 24th was the only day that the Barossa Valley experienced temperature above 40°C. Not surprisingly, the subsequent mild conditions meant bunch and berry size remained average, achieving a great balance between quality and quantity. A vintage that can be described as almost "perfect"

Vineyard Selection

The grapes were sourced from a selection of the seven blocks of Shiraz planted on our estate vineyard with vine age between 15 and 30 years.

Winemaking

Once the grapes have been identified to be of optimum maturation and flavour ripeness, the parcels are brought into the winery where they are destemmed and crushed into the open-topped fermenters. Manual pump-overs are conducted twice daily to provide extraction of colour, flavour and tannin. Towards the end of fermentation, the wine is drained and then pressed to a combination of 300L American oak hogsheads and 500L French oak Puncheons for 27 months maturation. Careful barrel selection takes place before the wine is blended. The wine is neither fined, nor filtered.

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Dark garnet core verging on black ink, with ruby rim.

Aroma: Concentrated aromas of blueberry, blackcurrant and dark plum. Secondary aromas of roasted meats, Asian spices, star anise, and dark chocolate add complexity.

Palate: Rich flavours of raspberry, dark plum and black cherry with savoury notes of bramble, dried herbs and black peppercorn. Fine grain oak tannins envelope the fruit core, partnered with vibrant acidity, giving line and focus; drink now or savour over the coming decade.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition: 100% Shiraz
Region (GI): Single vineyard, Barossa Valley
Winemaker: Jason Barrette
Alcohol: 14.5% alc/vol
pH: 3.79
TA: 6.2 g/L
Residual Sugar: 2.36g/L
Bottled: 27 August 2024



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