



# ARE YOU GAME?

## SHIRAZ 2018

FOR ADDED INTRIGUE WE BLENDED IN A DASH OF MOURVÈDRE

### OVERVIEW

Winemaking is a game of quick wit, experience and endurance. Each year Mother Nature challenges us to a match and each year we respond; moving deftly with the lightest touch. As seasoned contenders, we know how to play the game. The resulting blend is captivating; light on its feet yet full of character and perfect with food.

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### VINEYARD REGION

Strathbogie Ranges

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2018 was an outstanding year. Conditions were near perfect throughout the whole growing season. The year was warm without being too hot and the vines were able to ripen the fruit to the degree we desired without any stress. This means all aspects of fruit composition was good and acid was naturally maintained.

### WINEMAKING

This Shiraz is a complex blend due to the different ripening conditions of the different parcels of grapes picked. Two thirds of the fruit parcels were wild fermented to create further complexity and depth. For 12 months this wine was matured with oak, mostly French. A dash of Mourvèdre was added to provide a dark fruit perfume lift and add complexity to the palate.

### WINE ANALYSES

Alc/Vol: 14.4%  
Acidity: 7 g/L  
pH: 3.68

### COLOUR

Vibrant red with some purple hues

### NOSE

Ripe plums with hints of florals, vanilla and pepper spice

### PALATE

Medium bodied with juicy dark red fruits, cool climate spice and finessed French oak with soft tannins

### PEAK DRINKING

Drink now to 2024