



HOWARD PARK
MARGARET RIVER & GREAT SOUTHERN

2022 HOWARD PARK SCOTSDALE SHIRAZ

DISTINGUISHED SITES

Shiraz from vineyards in the Frankland River subregion of the Great Southern is blended to highlight the distinctive varietal and regional qualities of our best sites.

The expression of Shiraz from this cool, continental climate is characterised by an intensity and concentration of dark fruits with traces of spice, earth and guiding tannins.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Scotsdale Shiraz displays an intense, vibrant purple robe, most inviting and almost shimmering in its brilliance. There is a beautifully balanced aromatic bouquet of freshly cooked plums, forest berries and cinnamon, with some blackberry bush and sage notes adding additional complexity. The palate is elegance personified, with an enveloping, sensual texture elevating the attack of bright and juicy red and black fruits. A suave, fine tannin profile provides for flavour persistence through the finish, and savoury notes coalesce on the back palate to remind us that this pure-fruited wine has the soul of Shiraz waiting to emerge over a decade of bottle age.

VINTAGE

In 2022, beautiful dry and sunny conditions were entrenched throughout January and February, removing a great deal of the disease pressure that rain and humidity can bring and allowing a predictable insight into ripening patterns across most varieties.

While summer set the scene for another consistent and memorable vintage, certain varieties paid a penalty for difficult conditions earlier in the growing season. The wet winter of 2021 lingered unduly, smothering the renewal of spring and delaying the onset of budburst and flowering in the vineyards. The consequence was reduced yields in our estate vineyards in the Great Southern.

Consistent fine weather at the tail end of the growing season ensured that the potential developed in the vines was maximised by picking at optimum levels of ripeness. Superb balance between sugar, acidity and flavour across all varieties gives us great optimism for the evolution of wines from the 2022 vintage.

VINEYARDS

The wine was blended from a selection of the best batches of Shiraz grown on our vineyards in Frankland River. Soils in this area are lateritic gravels over sandy, clay loam.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for the 2022 Scotsdale Shiraz is a combination of hand-picked bunches and some rows collected by the Pellenc Selectiv harvester. The ferment take place in small static fermenters using native yeast, with twice-daily punch downs for air circulation. Malolactic fermentation takes place in tank, post the alcoholic ferment, and then 600 litre French oak puncheons are filled for an élevage in barrel of 9 months. 25% new barrels are used. The wine was bottled in February 2023 after a light fining and filtration.



Variety:
Shiraz

Region:
Frankland River

Cellaring:
Drink now or cellar for
up to 15 years.

Analysis:
Alcohol: 14% v/v
Acidity: 5.8 g/l
pH 3.52
Residual Sugar: 0.53 g/l