



HARE'S CHASE

2021 VIGILANCE SHIRAZ

Vintage Conditions

The 2021 growing season followed two very dry seasons. A solid autumn break in April and May offered reprieve to vines moving into dormancy and began filling soil profiles. Winter though was 20% below average in rainfall, while an average spring rainfall and favourable flowering and fruit set conditions were welcomed by growers, resulting in an average yield. Summer leading into harvest was cool and dry, with relatively low disease pressure. The Indian summer stretched out harvest to allow fruit to ripen evenly without a need to harvest quickly, enabling vines to mature fruit stress free, resulting in vibrant, richly flavoured fruit and high quality wines.

Winemaking

The Shiraz grapes were hand-picked, destemmed and fermented in various 2.5 tonne and 5 tonne open top fermenters with twice daily pump-overs to achieve maximum extraction of colour, flavour and tannin from the grape skins. At the completion of fermentation, the skins were basket pressed with the pressings and free-run combined. Transferred to oak and matured in a combination of new and seasoned French and American oak 300L hogsheads barrels for 18 months before careful barrel selection and blending prior to bottling.

Vineyard Selection

The Vigilance Shiraz was sourced from a selection of our premium Shiraz blocks grown on the Hare's Chase vineyard.

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Deep garnet core with a bright, dark ruby hue.

Aroma: Lifted dark cherry, black plum, mulberry with layers of black pepper, 5 spice and vanilla, with earthy, briary and dark tobacco undertones.

Palate: A velvety, seamless flow of layered, ripe black fruits, cascade across the palate, are driven evenly by a ferrous minerality intertwined with supple fine tannins,

Drink now or cellar for 5+ years.

Technical Notes

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| Winemaker | Matt Reynolds |
| Varietal | Shiraz |
| Region | Marananga Barossa Valley |
| Alcohol | 14.5% alc/vol |
| pH | 3.64 |
| TA | 6.4g/L |
| Bottled | 24 Feb 2023 |

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

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| 96 Points | Sam Kim 'Wine Orbit', Jan '24 |
| 95 Points | Ken Gargett 'Wine Pilot', Aug '24 |
| 94 Points | Jeni Port, Wine Pilot, Aug '24 |
| 93 Points | Dave Brookes 'Halliday Wine Companion', '23 |
| Gold | Mundus Vini Spring Tasting, '24 |
| Gold | Sakura - Japan Women's Wine Awards '24 |
| Gold | Drinks Business Spring Tasting '24 |

