



## BROWN BROTHERS MILAWA VINEYARD Tasting Notes

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### 2019 Brown Brothers Winemaker's Series Shiraz

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#### The Wine

The Winemaker's Series is a range of small batch wines that are expertly crafted from our micro-winery and hand selected by our winemakers. Shiraz was one of the first varieties planted by John Francis Brown in 1885. Over the years we have trialled a number of sites for the variety. This Winemaker's Series is from the increasingly popular Heathcote region. The colour is a vibrant purple. It has aromas of dark fruits especially blackberry with hints of spice and white pepper. The spice follows through to the palate creating an elegant balance to the powerful dark fruit flavours. The tannins are fine grained and well integrated. This wine will gain complexity with age, try it in the cellar for 4 to 6 years from vintage.

#### The Grape Variety

Shiraz, the Australian name for the Syrah grape, is one of the oldest known grape varieties. Shiraz is responsible for many of France's best known and highly acclaimed red wines. It has also made itself very much at home within the wide range of soils and climates of Australia's diverse viticultural regions. Although once considered the 'workhorse' of the Australian wine industry, shiraz is now treasured and revered for the wonderful, generously flavoured wines it produces and its distinctive rich, berry flavours and silky tannins.

#### Technical Description

The grapes for this wine were grown in the Heathcote region of Central Victoria. The fruit was harvested from late February to late March at a range of baumé levels from 14.5 to 15. This wine was matured in French and American oak barrels, of which 20% were new, for 12 months. The wine was bottled with an alcohol of 14.5%.

#### Serving Suggestions

This wine would work beautifully with a sesame beef and snow pea stir-fry on classic ramen noodles. Or why not try homemade tagliatelle with smoked eggplant and tomato. And for cheese, an aged pecorino with lavosh.

#### Related Wines

Shiraz; Shiraz, Mondeuse and Cabernet

