



# CASTELLI ESTATE

## The SUM SHIRAZ 2022

VARIETY 100% Shiraz    REGION Frankland River & Mount Barker - Great Southern Blend

### SEASON NOTES

2022 vintage started after a very long cold and wet winter with full soil profiles, abnormally cold temperatures in September delayed bud burst and subsequent cold temperatures all the way through the season saw a late flowering, later veraison and later than normal harvesting. However with cool temperatures comes long maturation time on the vine yielding exceptional fruit intensity and purity of varietal expression.

### WINEMAKING

Machine and hand picked in the cold early morning and destemmed to both open and closed fermenters with 10% whole bunch inclusion for berry fruit expression, then allowed to cold soak until the temperature warmed up for fermentation to initiate. 5 days on skins and pressed early to a mixture of older oak and stainless steel for maturation to allow the wines soft, expressive fruit to shine. Bottled early to capture freshness. French oak maturation for 9 months.

### TASTING NOTES

Medium bodied, fresh vibrant style of Shiraz, juicy red fruit, floral, crushed violets and sarsaparilla the hallmarks of classic cool climate Great Southern shiraz along with notes of spice and pepper and subtle toasty oak.

For this cool-climate, elegant style of shiraz food matches to try include beetroot and hazelnut tarts, stuffed portabello mushrooms, beef ragu or lasagne.

### WINE DATA

Alcohol: 14%  
pH: 3.50  
T/A: 6.1 g/L  
Vegan



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