2018 'The Beast' Shiraz

SELECTED FROM A SINGLE BLOCK HIGH ON THE HILL, WHERE THE SOILS ARE SHALLOW AND THE SUNLIGHT IS EVEN, YOU CAN EXPECT THE BEAST TO EXHIBIT GREAT CONCENTRATION OF FLAVOUR AND RICHNESS, WITH SOFT GRIPPY TANNINS...

Accolades

Marananga Wine Show 2020

Trophy - Best 2018 Shiraz



Variety | Blend

100% Shiraz

Pre-Vintage

Rainfall: Late winter rainfall | Consistent spring rainfall

Temperature: Warm spring to early summer

Upshot: Healthy leaf canopies | Hot summer protection | Slow development

Vintage

Rainfall: Dry summer and autumn

Temperature: Hot January and February | Mild autumn

Upshot: Delayed and extended harvest | Vibrant colours and powerful fruit | Wines of power and elegance

Vineyard

D Block: Shallow red clay loam overlying shattered limestone | North-south oriented rows | Elevated eastern aspect | Long even sunlight

Upshot: Rich ripe fruit | Supple tannins | Intense aromatic and flavour profile

Winemaking

Fermentation: De-stemmed | Left on skins for 8-12 days | Slow ferment at 18-22°C | Open pump-overs and hand plunging | Basket pressed

Oak: French - 60% new, 40% 2nd use | Natural malolactic fermentation | 22 months maturation

Tech. Analysis: Alcohol - 15.0% | pH - 3.57 | Acid - 7.0g/L | RS - <1.0g/L

Noteworthy Dates

Harvested: 6th March – 24th March 2018 | Bottled: January 2020 | Released: October 2020

Sensorial Information

Profile: Forest berries | Spiced plum | Dark chocolate | Liquorice | Cardamom

Texture: Fine grained tannins | Exceptional palate length | Powerful | Robust | Great oak integration

Characteristics

Animal: East-African Lion
Vehicle: Chevrolet Camaro
Musical: Tenor Tuba



Winemaker



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