

THISTLEDOWN



Where Eagle's Dare

Single Vineyard Shiraz 2022

Eden Valley, Barossa

Perched high above the Barossa, the Eden Valley can be a precarious but highly rewarding place in which to grow grapes. This single vineyard, at 550m above sea level is hauntingly beautiful. Home to the majestic wedgetail eagle, the soils composed of pink quartz and ironstone, provide a formidable substrate in which the vines takes a tenuous hold.

Only 1002 bottles produced

Tasting

Intense, tightly coiled and vital, this wine is like a great orator. Every component measured and well timed, the tone lifts and falls, all the while building emotion and resonance. Tension and excitement builds and leads through to a memorable finish. Oh, and it tastes amazing!

Viticulture

Our fruit is sourced from one low yielding block in Joel Mattschoss' Mengler's Hill vineyard. The fruit is hand-picked and transferred to the winery.

Winemaking

20% of the total weight is placed in whole bunches in a concrete egg while the balance is crushed and placed on top. A spontaneous fermentation with no physical extraction aims to capture the rugged beauty of the vineyard while preserving the energy and vitality that are the hallmarks of our style. A brief post fermentation maceration is followed by pressing to French oak for 11 months (approx 20% is new).

Wine Analysis

Varietal: 100% Shiraz

Alcohol: .14.5%

Total Acidity: 5.1 g/l

pH: 3.31

Residual Sugar: 1g/l

SO2: 61mg/l



Vintage Conditions

2022 vintage followed in much the same vein as the much-lauded 2021. A little later than normal but the season was characterised by regular moderate rainfall, friendly temperatures and an elongated ripening period which allowed for an even spread of fruit over the harvesting period. The wines are characterised by balanced, aromatic fruit profiles, lovely energy and silky tannins which give a capacity for both youthful exuberance and ageing.



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