

6Ft6

SHIRAZ

2019

SOFT, SMOOTH, AND DELICIOUS
WITH PLENTY OF POLISH

TASTING NOTE

This Shiraz shows amazing colour and clarity, with deep crimson red and bright purple hues flashing. Hints of cardamon, spice and cinnamon on the nose, with a lovely herbaceous undertone. Delicious primary fruit characters of plum, blackberry combined with a hint of aniseed flavour give the wine depth and intensity. Finished with supple, fine grained tannins that help extend length to deliver an overall Shiraz packed with body and flavour.

VINTAGE 2019

Low winter rainfall led to low soil moisture, reducing not only Spring vine growth but also yields due to lots of scrawny, small bunches developing upon shorter than average canes. However we enjoyed cool to mild springtime conditions that continued into the first weeks of summer, leading to fairly typical timing for flowering and fruit set to occur. But the summer heatwave conditions eventually hit us with a vengeance rarely seen in these parts. We sweated through 9 days over 38 degrees and many a warm night over summer which saw our fruit ripen like crazy, exacerbated by a dearth of rain. Irrigation was absolutely necessary to keep the vines from falling over.

By mid February we were right into harvest mode and no matter how fast we harvested we barely kept pace with the rate of ripening, so wines this year will certainly have a riper, more generous feel to them.

VINIFICATION

Winemaking is geared for maximum flavour at minimum fuss. Simplicity is the key and the results speak for themselves. Simply harvested and destemmed to closed fermenters, fermented warm and lightly pressed to a combination of oak and tank where it is stored for 12 months. Several aerative rackings to ward off reduction and aid tannin evolution before the final blend is put together, cross flow filtered and bottled.

FOOD MATCH

Beautifully balanced and full of flavour, this versatile shiraz can be matched with an array of dishes from lighter red meats to richer sauces and food with a touch of spice.

WINEMAKER

Duncan Lowe

REGION

Geelong, Victoria

VINEYARD

Austin's Wines. Steiglitz Road, Sutherlands Creek

TECHNICAL NOTES

Alc./Vol.: 13.5%



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