

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2018 'EASTSIDE' SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

2018 was an extremely good red vintage for Clare, slightly warmer than average, but vineyards by and large achieved a great balance of fruit and acid. As a single vineyard wine, Eastside is an excellent showcase for the unique style of shiraz grown from our Polish Hill River Estate. Wild Fermented in open vats using compressed air for gentle cap management to ensure a healthy fermentation without over extraction.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown

Variety: Shiraz

Vintage: 2018

Region: Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

Fermentation: Wild yeast, open fermenters, gentle cap management

Maturation: 14 months in French oak (11% new)

Alc/Vol 14%

pH 3.43

TA 6.11 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Dark cherry red.

Aroma: Dark cherry, blueberry, raspberry and chocolate, intermingled with subtle spices and earthy graphite notes.

Palate: The medium palate weight and silky texture profile are hallmark 'Eastside'. Black cherry and blueberry fruit point to the wine's delicious acid structure, whilst hints of aniseed and lightly charred oak provide interest. The long lasting yet soft tannin profile is accompanied perfectly by the bright fruit core to create a balanced finish.

Summary: Clare Valley Shiraz may not be as renowned as those from McLaren Vale or Barossa, but the region produces a spectrum of consistent wines from the variety, the best of which are balanced and approachable. The 'Eastside' is delicious to drink upon release and will reward cellaring for next 7-15 years. Try with smoked brisket.

ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach. A style that celebrates this special place we call home

Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: 10am - 4pm daily

SLATE Restaurant, open for lunch: 12pm - 3pm, Thursday - Sunday

