

King's Wood Shiraz

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2021 KING'S WOOD SHIRAZ

Royal Oaks and King's Wood were forests planted by monarchs to build elegant cathedrals and church naves. The beautiful old French oak in our foudre vessels helps us make elegant wine by gradually polishing and protecting the brightest, spiciest South facing Shiraz we grow on Yangarra.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

We had a very favourable growing season, with good winter rains and a mild flowering and fruit set period. Continued spring rainfall ensured a healthy canopy. The yields were pleasing and showed good balance between vine vigour and moderate berry size. The ripening period that began late January was very cool, with some welcome rainfall in mid-February. This delayed harvest, and with the cold nights and mild sunny days we were very pleased with fruit ripeness and intensity. The freshness and bright natural acidity of the fruit were a real feature.

WINEMAKING

Sourced exclusively from Block 12 (2.3 Ha) which sits on a south-east facing, ironstone sandy outcrop. Hand-picked on the 26th March, 20% whole bunches, 30% whole berries mechanically sorted, 50% crushed in open fermenters and on skins for 20 days. A gentle maceration principle of wetting the cap and only draining and returning when reductive. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Exclusively matured in 25 hL French Oak foudres, 50% new and 50% one and two-year-old, for 16 months. Bottled November 2022. Certified Organic/Biodynamic.

ACCLAIM

95 POINTS — Aaron Brasher, *The Real Review*, January 2023



VARIETY

100% Shiraz

YEAR PLANTED

1999

REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

SOIL

Weathered sands mixed with ironstone gravels

GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION

180m - 195m above sea level

BLOCK 12

2.3 hectares

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Fruit

ALCOHOL

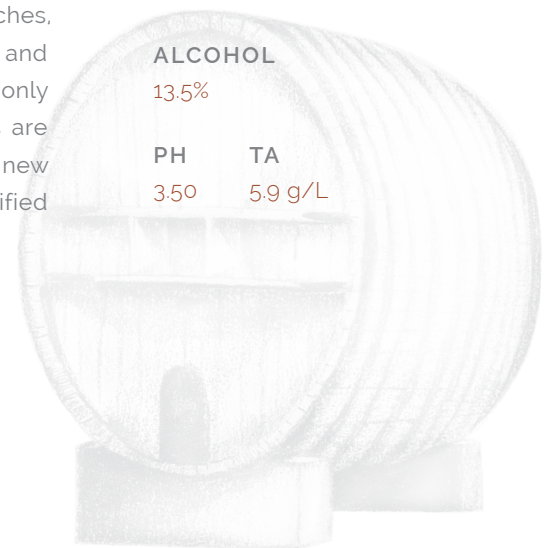
13.5%

PH

3.50

TA

5.9 g/L



WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

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