

# SKILLOGALEE

## ESTATE SHIRAZ

Premium Shiraz grapes are carefully harvested for this wine, from low-yielding, dry-grown vines on the slopes and contours of the Skillogalee estate in the wooded hills of the picturesque Clare Valley. Our cool climate vineyards were planted in the 1970s and many of the vines are now over 50 years old, yielding less fruit but producing a more flavourful and structurally complex wine.

The grapes are hand-harvested at the peak of ripeness, sorted and vinified in open fermenters. The wine is then gently basket-pressed to preserve the delicate fruit character and velvety tannins before being barrel aged in oak for 12-18 months. The winemaking team carefully tastes and blends the different parcels to create a final wine that showcases the unique characteristics of the Shiraz grown on our property, with a balance and structure that is truly exceptional.

#### VINTAGE

With cool and dry weather, the 2021 vintage in the Clare Valley produced lovely fruit with excellent varietal character and natural acidity. The cool growing season was preceded by late-winter and early-spring rains which allowed for good spring growth on the vines. This was followed by below average rainfall and dry conditions for the remainder of the season, resulting in a vintage that produced beautiful and classic Clare wines with smaller bunches and grapes therefore reducing yield.

#### APPEARANCE

The wine has a deep and intense ruby red colour.

#### NOSE

A complex and layered nose with notes of dark fruit (blackberry, black cherry), spices (pepper, cloves), and a hint of earthiness.

#### PALATE

This Shiraz shows dark berry fruit flavours of plum skin and fennel seed spice with a plush and silky mid palate core and long finely structured tannin.

#### WHEN TO DRINK

Stunning and vibrant drinking now, or will reward careful cellaring for 10+ years.

#### FOOD PAIRING

Enjoy with red or game meats, spicy Indian food, or with rich pasta dishes – all of which make fantastic company for this wine.

### 2021

ALCOHOL 14.0%

BOTTLING DATE January 2023

YIELD
Average 1.5 tonnes / acre

ACIDITY (PH) 3.58

TITRATABLE ACIDITY 6.1 g/L

GRAPE VARIETIES
Shiraz



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