

# 2018 SHIRAZ

## WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

Shiraz produces Australia's most notable dry red wines. The variety is very successful on sites that allow the vine to attain flavour ripeness whilst retaining balanced levels of sugar, tannin and acid. Blue Pyrenees Estate Vineyard is one such site. The 2018 Blue Pyrenees Shiraz is produced from many different parcels of Estate grown fruit, grown on low-yielding exposed vines creating a wine of intense flavours and naturally soft tannin yet the classic rich Shiraz structure. The warmer 2017 / 2018 growing season provided a cool spring with good rains, then it was finished by a warm dry summer and autumn which made ripening to optimum sugar balance easy. Maturation for 18 months in a combination of new to 8 year old American and French oak barrels has added softness, texture and complexity to a wine of distinct Pyrenees varietal fruit flavours.

<i>Region</i>	<i>Grape Varieties</i>	<i>Winemaker</i>
Pyrenees, Western Victoria, Australia	100% Shiraz	Andrew Koerner

### *Colour & Aroma*

Deep Ruby Red colour with aroma's of ripe blackberry fruit over bay leaf and vanilla oak.

### *Flavour*

The ripe red fruit notes give way to a sweet chocolate & vanilla mid palate, then regional licorice & a peppery finish. The soft tannin structure of this wine allows lingering fruit flavours to shine throughout the long dry finish.

### *Cellaring*

Can be enjoyed now or cellared with confidence for 5 years.

### *Technical Details*

Alcohol: 14.4%  
Total Acidity: 6.53 g/L  
pH: 3.50

“Blue Pyrenees Estate is consistently one of the best value red-wine producers in the country—to say nothing of its superb sparkling wines. The prices are a gift.”

— Huon Hooke



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