

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

VINEYARD

VINTAGE

WINEMAKING

WINE **DESCRIPTION**

Battles

2023 SHIRAZ

Winemaker: Lance Parkin

Varietal Breakdown: Shiraz (100%)

Geographical Indicator: Perth Hills & Geographe

Sub region: Donnybrook & Lower Chittering Valley.

Limited quantity: 350 dozen cases produced.

Technical Analysis: Alcohol: 14.0 %, pH/TA: 3.66/6.0

The Christos vineyard is one of the exceptional sites of the Perth Hills wine region. The vineyard soils are made up of granite and clay, with rolling hills. The Berrecas Vineyard in Donnybrook is planted on an East facing slope, with gravelly loam soils. The block has good elevation further aiding to lower day time temperatures.

2023 was an exceptional vintage in Western Australia. It was an warm and even summer. Excellent rain over winter and into spring helped the vines have reserves of water to help through the growing season. An ideal ripening period allowed for flavour development with gradual sugaraccumulation.

The fruit was picked in February for the Perth Hills component and in March for Donnybrook. Both batches of grapes were crushed with a large portion of whole berries before fermentation on skins for a period of 12 days. Both batches were basket pressed to oak with a small (15%) portion of new puncheon (500 Litre) oak utilised. Barrel maturation took place for 9 months. The wine was then lightly fined and coarsely filtered to provide natural character and texture. This wine was made to be drunk early by retaining fruit vibrance and soft tannin, but will also develop well over the next 5-8 years.

Appearance: Deep ruby, with a purple hue.

Nose: Clean and vibrant, lifted aromatics are one of the hallmarks of this Shiraz. Pretty florals of purple flowers and violets are underpinned by blackberry and red cherry fruit.

Palate: The 2023 Battles Shiraz palate is full bodied with a deep core of dark fruits and a persistent tannin structure, which helps the wine draw long, with some gentle spice and savoury notes on the finish. A truly unique West Australian Shiraz.