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BROTHER JOHN MAY RESERVE SHIRAZ

Winemaker
Will Shields

Region
Clare Valley

Deep red in colour. Aromas of biscuit and spice, opening slowly to reveal blackberry and dark plums, iodine with hints of mint and eucalyptus. Fine textural tannins flow through the palate. The fruit is tightly bound, gradually revealing itself. The finish is long and persistent. The balance and youthfulness of the wine suggest a long future for those with patience.

Background Story

Named in honour of Brother John May who completed 50 vintages at Sevenhill Cellars. A very limited release of small bottlings of wine suited to longterm cellaring and only made from exceptional vintages.

Vintage

The combination of a dry 2018 winter and a cold spring led to lower than average crops. Prolonged dry conditions and events of extreme heat during January and February reduced yields further. Shiraz looks the strongest in the winery, with excellent depth, deep dark cherry fruits and supple tannins.

Winemaking

Fruit for this wine comes from our Br Dan block of Shiraz; West of the winery. Planted in 1973, this block features a soil profile of sandy loam over brown clay on rock and is sheltered by a grove of native bush. These low yielding vines regularly produce our most concentrated and unique expression of Shiraz at Sevenhill.

The fruit is fermented in one of our 150 year old open slate fermenters and plunged twice daily during fermentation. After 10 days on skins, the must is basket pressed. The 2019 vintage spent 20 months in French hogsheads of which 40% was new oak.

Vintage: 2019

Alcohol: 14.5%

Standard drinks: 8.6

Acidity: 6.5 g/L

pH: 3.51

Bottled: Jan 2021

