

2018 RICHARDSON SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

The Richardson Series of wines are produced only in great vintages, from the most characterful batches of grapes, identified by the Blue Pyrenees winemakers, as having the potential to make an iconic red wine, as a tribute to the late Colin Richardson, himself a larger than life character. These wines are vinified and matured separately before confirmation of suitability to be called "Richardson" then preparation for bottling. The 2018 Richardson Shiraz is predominantly from the oldest Shiraz vines on the Blue Pyrenees Estate vineyard. These grapes displayed a great intensity of regional and varietal Shiraz characters as they reached optimum ripeness and balance. Due to a warm & dry growing season, there was no problems reaching maturity before crushing these grapes in March 2018. Following a warm primary ferment, then 2 weeks extended maceration on skins, the wine was transferred to oak barrels for secondary fermentation and 24 months maturation in 50% new French and American oak barriques ensuring complexity, smoothness and integration of all flavour components before bottling in April 2020.

Region	Grape Varieties	Winemaker
Pyrenees, Western Victoria, Australia	Shiraz 99% & Viognier 1%	Andrew Koerner

Colour

Deep ruby red.

Aroma

Distinctly ripe Pyrenees Shiraz aroma's of blueberry fruit, licorice and five spice notes all supported by classy French and American oak influences.

Flavour

The blueberry, liquorice, black olive and spice flavours are all fruit derived but they have been crafted into a wine of great mouth feel by careful oak and tannin management. The long lasting spicy aftertaste is a delightful way to finish this Shiraz.

Cellaring

Can be enjoyed now or cellared with confidence for 20 years.

Technical Details

Alcohol: 14.1%

Total Acidity: 6.45 g/L

pH: 3.54

Awards & Reviews

In early reviews, the 2018 Blue Pyrenees Estate Richardson Shiraz was awarded 95 points by Huon Hooke at the Real Review!



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