

HIGH ALTITUDE

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COOL CLIMATE

THE IDIOT

SHIRAZ 2018

ORANGE

The Idiot does not follow the rules of convention; a fool to some, a genius to others. We embrace the unconventional and complex character of our shiraz. Not afraid to make a statement, this wine captures the playful, eccentric and unique elements of shiraz from our cool climate.

Growing Season 2018:

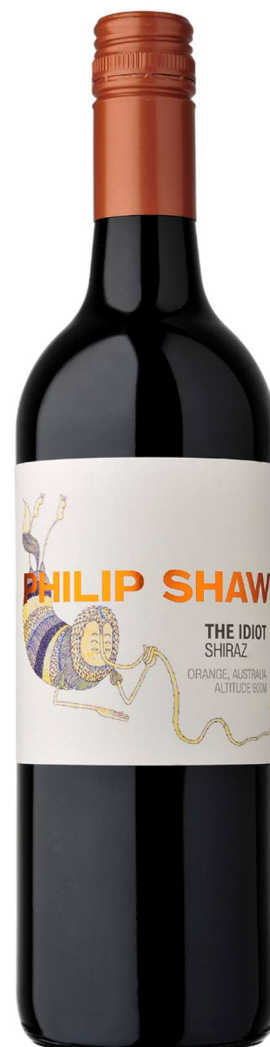
In 2018 we experienced the driest winter on record. This was followed by a dry and warm spring which set us up for a compressed harvest. We were kissed by a small amount of hail January, but we were just outside the line of fire and did not have any damage as a result. Heat spikes caused some concern during February, with careful canopy management we were able to evade the effects of sunburn and stress. Overall a year of high quality and fruitful yields.

Winemaking:

- Hand sorted
- Whole berry fermentation in open vats
- Indigenous yeast
- Maturation in older French oak
- Racked once during maturation
- Natural malolactic fermentation in spring

Tasting notes:

The Idiot is dark garnet with a purple hue. This cool climate Shiraz is true to its region and variety. It has a fragrant bouquet with juicy red fruits and blueberry. The palate is brooding, with generous berry fruit and spice framed by fine savoury tannins.



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Bottled: August 2019 **Alcohol % v/v:** 14.2