

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2018 'THE E.W.P' SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Named after Pikes co-founder and patriarch Edgar Walter Pike. This Reserve Shiraz is comprised of 9 parcels from different blocks of the estate, with a small amount of whole bunch fermentation used each vintage to coax the more aromatic and delicate characteristics. 2018 was an extremely good red vintage for Clare, slightly warmer than average, but vineyards by and large achieved a great balance of fruit and acid.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown, Single Vineyard

Variety: Shiraz

Vintage: 2018

Region: Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

Fermentation: Wild yeast, open fermenters

Maturation: 14 months in French barrique, 15% new

Production: 5 barriques (244 x 6 packs)

Alc/Vol 14%

pH 3.5

TA 6.37 g/L

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: A deep cherry red.

Aroma: Highly perfumed with a complex bouquet of aromatic spice, liquorice, red, blue and black fruit balanced with a hint of charry French oak.

Palate: Medium to full bodied, with red cherries and bramble fruits featuring prominently. Hints of white pepper and Chinese 5 spice adding intrigue. A seamless, long finish of bright acidity, and savoury tannins built by whole bunch ferment and judicious use of oak.

Summary: Another strong showing for 'The E.W.P', this wine is delicious now, but could easily cellar for up to 20 years. A perfect match with chargrilled dry aged eye fillet.

ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach.

Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: 10am - 4pm daily

SLATE Restaurant, open for lunch : 12pm - 3pm daily

