

2020 VIGILANCE SHIRAZ



HARE'S CHASE

Vintage Conditions

The 2020 growing season began well with reasonable winter rainfall, however spring and summer rainfall was significantly below average. The 2019 calendar year rainfall was the lowest ever recorded for the Nuriootpa weather station. A cold windy flowering in November led to a hot dry December. A challenging growing season to say the least. Bacchus came to the rescue in the new year and offered mild January temperatures and wonderful 21mm of rainfall in February. Yields varied from vineyard to vineyard, but most were well below average. However, on a positive note, the fruit quality and resulting wine were concentrated in both colour and flavour. We wish we had more volume to share.

Vineyard Selection

The Vigilance Shiraz was sourced from a selection of our premium Shiraz blocks grown on the Hare's Chase vineyard.

Winemaking

The Shiraz grapes were hand-picked, destemmed and fermented in various 2.5 tonne and 5 tonne open top fermenters with twice daily pump-overs to achieve maximum extraction of colour, flavour and tannin from the grape skins. At the completion of fermentation, the skins were basket pressed with the pressings and free-run combined. Transferred to oak and matured in a combination of new and seasoned French and American oak 300L hogsheads barrels for 18 months before careful barrel selection and blending prior to bottling.

Tasting Evaluation:

Colour: Deep garnet with a bright crimson hue.

Aroma: Concentrated red and black fruits of cherry, plum and raspberry, whole black pepper, cinnamon spice and milk chocolate with tarry, savoury characters of charcuterie, tobacco and shoe polish.

Palate: Rich and ripe layered black savoury fruits, underwritten with spice, flow to a full and even and rich palate. Powerful fruit is restrained and complimented with subtle oak and supple fine chewy tannin supports provide length.

Drink now or cellar for 5+ years.



Technical Notes:

Winemaker: Matt Reynolds
Varietal: Shiraz
Region: Marananga
Barossa Valley

Alcohol: 14.7% alc/vol
pH: 3.62
TA: 6.6g/L
Bottled: 3 March 2022