



## 2018 All Saints Estate Durif

### *The Range*

All Saints Estate premium varietal wines are classic varieties, with fruit carefully selected from the best available vineyard sources and made to be enjoyed with family and friends. In many cases they are made in the original winery deep inside the castle using handcrafted techniques including gentle basket pressing, open fermentation and finally, quiet ageing in French and American oak.

### *The Wine*

With incredible depth of colour, lifted aromas of dark berry fruits. Ripe fruit flavours and a structural tannin finish, this is an elegant but powerful Rutherglen Durif. A wine showing great finesse balanced with power.

### *Grape Variety*

Durif is such a local hero that it is sometimes called Rutherglen Durif. The variety is a cross of Peloursin and Shiraz and it prospers almost exclusively in North East Victoria. Our long, warm Autumn days give the grapes plenty of time to develop their intense colour and rich flavours.

### *Winemaking*

The fruit was destemmed and crushed into our old 7 tonne vat fermenters then inoculated with yeast for fermentation. Hand plunged three times a day during the early stages of fermentation, then reduced to two per day till the ferment was finished. Pressing was done using our 136 year old hand-cranked wooden basket press, this gentle press allows us to get all the wine but not over extract the tannins. Maturation was in 1-4yr old French oak barriques and puncheons for 22 months.

### *Food Matching*

The rich flavours and firm tannins of Durif are very well suited to hearty dishes. Try pairing it with rich Beef Bourguignon or some sticky Rosemary lamb shanks cooked in red wine in the slow cooker.

### *Cellaring Potential*

Durif has a deserved reputation as a great red wine for ageing. This wine too has great depth of fruit, plenty of tannin and enough acidity to keep it balanced and improving for 7 to 9 years.



### *Technical Information*

Alcohol 14.5%

Std Drinks 8.6

Contains Sulphites

Price - RRP \$32.00



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