

TWO HANDS WINES
YACCA BLOCK
MENGLERS HILL – EDEN VALLEY SHIRAZ
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YACCA BLOCK SITS AT THE TOP OF MENGLERS HILL AND IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE ROLE SUB-REGIONALITY PLAYS IN SERIOUS WINEMAKING, WITH THIS VINEYARD ONLY A 25 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE WESTERN RANGES OF THE BAROSSA VALLEY.

Tasting notes written by Two Hands Wines Proprietor Michael Twelftree.

The soil here is a mix of both quartz and ironstone and the vineyard's high altitude allows for slow ripening that leads to a very soft and elegant Shiraz. Grower Joel Mattschoss has been a great supporter and friend of Two Hands, recently starting a business partnership with a new, exciting project titled 'Love Over Gold'. This vineyard site also supplies Shiraz for Charlie's Garden, and Riesling for The Boy.

SUB-REGION: Menglers-Hill

VINE AGE: 14 years

ALTITUDE: 483m

AVERAGE RAINFALL: 580mm

SOIL TYPE: Shallow, skeletal grey sand loam with quartz gravel over weathered rock and yellow clay.

COLOUR

Very deep concentrated black on black

AROMA

A beautiful perfume lifts the hairs of your nose, dark plum, chocolate, cassis, salted fig, warm nougat, dried herbs, with notes of smoked meats.

PALATE

The palate is thick, concentrated and coating. This hits all the flavour receptors on your tongue; it is more soft and caressing than an all-out attack. Here the acid saves the day with a lovely

saline edge, leaving your mouth puckering and craving more. The tannins here have an extra dimension, this is classic and classy Eden Valley. This shows off that mineral structure that can only come from a great site. A true pleasure on opening, but will reward cellaring in the medium to longer term.

WINEMAKING

De-stemmed & crushed, fermented in stainless. Time on skins 10 days, pumped over 2-3 times a day. Free run and pressings were combined into tank then racked off gross lees into oak where malolactic fermentation occurred. Bottled with minimal fining and without filtration.

MATURATION

12 months in 1-6 year old French oak, puncheon & hogheads

CELLAR POTENTIAL

Up to 15 years

