



SHIRAZ 2020

INSPIRED BY OUR SURROUNDINGS WE REFLECT ON THE ESSENTIAL NATURE OF THE MURRAY DARLING TO CREATE WINES OF DISTINCTION AND SUSTAINABILITY.

THE GRAPES

Shiraz, also known as Syrah, is thought to originate from the Rhone Valley in France and it continues to be the most predominant variety in this region. In 1831 James Busby collected cuttings from France and brought them to Australia. By the 1860s Shiraz was established as one of the most important grape varieties in Australia and has developed an excellent reputation and is sought after worldwide.

THE VINTAGE

The region enjoyed a typical start to a warm and dry growing season with little rainfall in November and December, and average spring temperatures evolving into a near perfect summer growing cycle. The slightly lower yields have resulted in exceptional fruit ripeness and show an exquisite concentration of aromas and flavours. The overall season offered superb conditions for a range of varieties throughout our vineyards. Across the board, quality was outstanding!

THE WINEMAKING

Harvested throughout the night and early morning, the grapes were de-stemmed and pumped into the fermentation tank. The fruit was fermented on skins for 10 days using carefully selected yeast strains before pressing. After pressing, the wine was left to mature in both new and seasoned French & American puncheon barrels for 12 months. The wine was then blended and bottled in July 2021.

THE WINE

Dark vibrant red in colour with lifted aromas of black cherry and chocolate. On the palate concentrated dark fruit flavours are complemented by subtle oak characters of mocha and spice. Full bodied and well-structured with firm ripe tannins providing balance and length.

THE FOOD

Excellent match with any grilled red meat, slow cooked lamb shoulder or a rich saucy casserole.

ANALYSIS

Varietal: Shiraz Alcohol: 14.5% Acid: 6.0 g/l pH: 3.67 Sweetness: Dry

