

Artisan Shiraz

A variety that is at home in the Barossa Valley, and in our opinion, its most compelling expression in the soils of the Western Ridge. A fresh aromatic and elegant take on the Barossa wine that manages to harness the power and complexity the Barossa is known for. A contemporary wine combining lifted black-blue fruits, roasted spices, anise, and firm savoury accented tannin structure, which are a clear expression of the soils in which they are grown. The Artisan Shiraz will drink well from release with a vigorous decant but will soften over 5 years and continue to improve for the next 10-15 years. It is, at its core, a food-friendly wine so enjoy it with good food and great company.

Growing Season

The 2022 vintage was excellent, and a worthy follow on from 2021. Winter was wetter than average with a particularly wet July getting the vines off to a brilliant start. Spring was particularly cool with median rainfall. Summer was mild and dry with no heat spikes. Autumn remained mild with generally perfect slow ripening conditions ensuring steady even ripening across all varieties. The 2022 yields were good and the quality is great. A great Barossa vintage displaying rich flavours with fine balance.

Vineyard

A blend of 7 separate blocks. 92% Greenock Vineyard, 8% Gomersal Vineyard. Vines aged 20-25 years.

Varieties

Shiraz 92%, Mataro 8%

Winemaking

11 months in vessel with 5 months in stainless steel before bottling in July 2023. Fermented in open-topped fermenters for 11-15 days. Fermented cool for aromatic retention. Gentle pumpovers employed twice daily. Parcels were destemmed and not crushed, 5% whole bunches. All parcels were gently basket pressed and settled in tank. Maturation: 22% 45hL conical concrete tank, 8% in 30hL French oak foudre, 70% French oak puncheons hogsheads and barriques. 18% new French oak puncheons & barriques. All varieties matured on lees. Bottled unfined & unfiltered. Vegan friendly.

Alcohol

14.0%

