

TASTING NOTES

"Inky black colour with purple hues. On the nose this wine shows incredible intensity: ripe blackberry, coffee, chocolate followed by subtle peppery and herbaceous hints.

The palate is built on incredible texture, with elegant but powerful tannins. The fruit complements the drier spicy notes all the way to a lingering finish.

Poise and power. A Shiraz to drink on its own, to pair with hearty food or to cellar for decades."

Vintage	2019
Vineyard	Stone Well
Variety	100% Shiraz
Alcohol	15.3%
рН	3.60
Titratable Acidity	6.11

# techarke Estate Shiraz



#### WINEMAKING

The fruit was picked on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. 10% of the total volume was tipped straight into two concrete fermenters without destemming. The remaining bunches were destemmed and crushed on top. The two ferments were inoculated the same day.

The cap was managed by hand and twice daily pump overs. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day foot stomping took place to release the fermenting juice from the still intact bunches at the bottom. A few days later the ferments were dry and pressed to a tank to complete MLF.

Once fermentation was over the wine was racked to two new French oak foudres (3000L).

After 12 months in foudres, the wine was blended back together in a large seasoned French oak vat where it kept maturing for a further 6 months before bottling.

### VINTAGE REPORT

The 2019 vintage was one of elation as years of sustainable agricultural practice was rewarded with Organic certification by NASAA. The challenging growing season demanded careful vineyard management, with the implementation of under-vine mulching and increased irrigation ensuring the maintenance of healthy canopies, and even ripening throughout.

The extreme heat of both January and February saw early ripening varieties picked in quick succession, before some relief from the heat was offered in March. The bright sunny days and cool nights enhanced flavour development of our Mataro, Grenache and Montepulciano, emphasising motivation to invest into more of these heartier, later ripening varieties in future vineyard developments.



### Estate Shiraz 2018



#### **VINTAGE REPORT**

The 2018 growing season had a reasonable start with adequate rainfall through winter and early spring. Healthy canopies were established across all sites and the dry and warm conditions of late January and February kept weeds and disease pressures to a low. February proved to be a very warm month which stalled ripening and it wasn't until the relief of a mild March that the outlook for a great harvest looked imminent.

2018 came off the back of two big vintages so it was no surprise this harvest was likely to be down on average with most crops down by 20-25%. The wines produced were very balanced, had ripe phenolics and display vibrant mid palate weight, a spectacular vintage for good structure and elegance.

#### WINEMAKING

The Shiraz Vineyards intended for this blend are picked early whilst encouraging opulent flavour accumulation. This wine is sourced from our Stone Well property. 10% of the fruit is fermented as whole bunch in open top fermenters and foot stomped 4 days prior to being bagpressed; after secondary fermentation is completed in tank the wine is racked and aged for 20 months in seasoned French hogsheads. New and Old world winemaking practices combined to produce a wine of complexity and finesse.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

The Bouquet is driven by peppery and herbaceous aromas with soft oaky undertones. Nicely savoury with hints of cooking herbs, fresh herbs, and liquorice, where the fruit, blackberry and black cherry, only plays its part in the background. On the palate the wine displays more primary flavours: juicy dark berries and cocoa, warm and layered with a firm structure and a persistent finish on fine and savoury tannins. Powerful yet elegant, displaying both new and old world characters.

Vintage	2018
Vineyard	Stone Well
Variety	100% Shiraz
Alcohol	14.5% / vol.
рН	3.62
Titratable Acidity	6.17g / L



## Shiraz 2016



#### **VINTAGE REPORT**

2016 has been phenomenal, despite the dry season, our approach to sustainable wine grape growing has ensured this harvest was overflowing with great fruit quality. The season was challenging, a result of prolonged dry periods and a warm December. We did see a few days above 40°C and then a much needed rain event came late in January. This was the turning point of our vintage, as the exhausted vineyards inhaled the relief of 48mm of rain, the vines were then set, absorbing the light to bring on the flavours and textures, paving the way for another great harvest.

#### WINEMAKING

The Shiraz Vineyards intended for this blend are picked early whilst encouraging opulent flavour accumulation. This wine is sourced from our Stone Well property. 16% of the fruit is fermented as whole bunch in one x 6.5kL oak vat; the wine is then aged for 19 months in the same large format oak vat prior to bottling.

Marananga Terroir + Old World Winemaking = Outrageously Delicious

#### **TASTING NOTES**

The fruit and vinification is intended to produce a wine style elegant and approachable as a young wine. This medium bodied Shiraz does just that. Lifted aromatics of violets, black fruits, dark chocolate, toffee and pepper give way to a well-structured palate, fruit driven with a persistent finish.

Vintage	2016
Vineyard	Stone Well
Variety	100% Shiraz
Alcohol	15% / vol.
pH	3.64
Titratable Acidity	5.9g / L



### Shiraz 2015



#### VINTAGE REPORT

2015 Growing Season experienced so many sequential days of perfect grape growing weather and has been one of the earliest harvests on record. Plentiful winter rains in 2014 were vital for the 2015 harvest. Large canopies, moderate yields and ideal ripening conditions encouraged an earlier than usual harvest free of disease. The early harvested wines from 2015 sustained great natural acidity, ripe tannins with bright fruit flavours and spice. Another season remarkable for delivering naturally balanced wines without testing alcohols nor over ripe flavours. A very good vintage with many wines likely to demonstrate great cellaring potential.

#### WINEMAKING

The Shiraz Vineyards intended for this blend are picked early whilst encouraging opulent flavour accumulation. This wine is sourced from our Stonewell property. 18% of the fruit is fermented as whole bunch in one x 6.5kL oak vat; the wine is then aged for 21 months in the same large format oak vat prior to bottling.

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#### **TASTING NOTES**

The fruit and vinification is intended to produce a wine style elegant and approachable as a young wine. This medium bodied Shiraz does just that. Lifted aromatics of plum, cherry, dark chocolate, anise and pepper give way to a well-structured palate, fruit driven with a persistent finish.

Vintage	2015
Vineyard	Stonewell
Variety	100% Shiraz
Alcohol	14.0% / vol.
рН	3.66
Titratable Acidity	5.6g / L



## Shiraz 2014



#### VINTAGE REPORT

The wines produced from the vintage of 2014 are excellent. The weather conditions during spring and early summer were dry and above average heat degree-days regulated shoot growth and berry development. By mid February and well into veraison, soil moisture levels were extremely low but a record-breaking rain event replenished the soils. The weather conditions that followed were ideal. 'Balanced' probably best describes most wines from our harvest this year.

#### **WINEMAKING**

The Shiraz Vineyards intended for this blend are picked early whilst encouraging opulent flavour accumulation. 2014 is fruit from our Stonewell property. 30% of the fruit is fermented as whole bunch in one x 6.5kL oak vat; the wine is then aged for 12 months in the same large format oak vat prior to bottling.

Old World Winemaking. Barossa Fruit. Stunning Wine.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

The fruit and vinification is intended to produce a wine style opulent and approachable as a young wine. This full bodied Shiraz echoes the Barossa's hall mark signature of concentrated fruit. Lifted aromatics of blueberry, chamomile, violets, and pepper give way to a well-structured full bodied palate, fruit driven with a persistent finish.

Vintage	2014
Vineyard	Stonewell
Variety	100% Shiraz
Alcohol	14.0% / vol.
рН	3.55
Titratable Acidity	6.1g / L
RRP	\$25