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SHIRAZ

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2018

COLOUR

Garnet red with a red hue.

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Enticing aromas dark berry fruits, pepper and sweet spice.

PALATE

A generous wine full of rich, ripe of bramble fruits, dark plum, peppery spice and savoury nuances. The palate is supported by well-integrated tannins providing structure and a long, fine finish.

WINEMAKING

The 2018 Shiraz was machine harvested then destemmed and crushed into static fermenters where it was fermented using yeast selected to express desirable varietal flavours and aromas. The fermenters were pumped over with aeration twice a day, temperature was held around 25°C to prevent over extraction of tannins locked in the skins. Maceration was not extended due to the same reason. The wine was then pressed and transferred for malolactic fermentation on oak allowing a soft integration of the grape and Oak tannins. The wine was blended and bottled after 12 months maturation.

FOOD PAIRING

Perfect with grilled steak served with roasted potatoes and a green salad.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2018 vintage will go down as a classic, great all-round year. Flowering and fruit set were also exceptional giving solid yields across WA. Some significant rain events in December set up the vineyard with good levels of ground water to see them through ripening. A relatively cool summer has allowed for slow, steady ripening of whites, retaining high levels of natural acidity. The moderate temperatures continued allowing for optimum ripening conditions for reds resulting in wines with elegance, structure and flavour.

QUICK NOTES

Western Australia

VINTAGE 2018
WINEMAKERS Kate Morgan
GRAPE VARIETY Shiraz
BOTTLED April 2019
GROWING AREA

TITRATABLE
ACIDITY 6.5 g/l
PH 3.58
CELLAR POTENTIAL
4 - 6 years
OAK French
MATURATION 12 months

ALC %/VOL 15.0% v/v

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