YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in the north- east of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia.

Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, higher altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2017 IRONHEART SHIRAZ

Ironheart is the flagship Shiraz from our single vineyard estate at the northern edge of McLaren Vale. The vineyard's cooler climate and sandy ironstone soils produce Shiraz with immense concentration and finesse.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2017 growing season was one of the coldest on record. We had quite a wet spring, which made shoot and bunch thinning of the utmost importance to reduce crop and ensure ample bunch exposure to sunlight. As much as we pick on sugar/acid balance, and importantly physiological characters, we also consider the biodynamic calendar where possible, with fruit days and flower days being the most desirable, and a root day avoided.

WINEMAKING

Sourced exclusively from Block 15 which lies amongst a gravelly ironstone outcrop (where the North Maslin Sand geology comes to the surface). Hand-picked, 25% whole bunches and the remainder has been destemmed, mechanical berry sorted and crushed. Cold Soak. Open Fermenters. Plunged. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Kept on lees in 35% new French oak, 65% older French oak for 15 months. We select individual barrels which showcase the characters of the ironstone that it grows in. Bottled August 2017.

ACCLAIM

2017 **95 POINTS –** "*The meat, the bones, the sinew, the pucker, seems to be a theme for the top flight reds of Yangarra...This is beautiful, held to medium weight but with a cornucopia of spice an absolute and dominating feature....Magnificent length unfurling over layers of fine, silty tannin and cool, faintly herbal acidity. Shapeless but tight, lacy and yet stacked with flavour, this is such a great shiraz.* Mike Bennie, The Wine Front

Ironheart Shiraz

VARIETY
100% Shiraz

YEAR PLANTED
1999

SOIL
Ironstone gravels

GEOLOGY
North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

BLOCK 15
1.8 hectares

ELEVATION
175M - 180M above sea level

- Alcohol: 14.5%
- pH: 3.50
- TA: 6.5 g/L
- Yield: 31 hectolitres per hectare



Australian Certified Biodynamic
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WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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