YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

SHIRAZ

2017 SHIRAZ

There are 100 hectares of vineyards at Yangarra in 35 individual blocks. These vineyards are spread amongst an extra 70 hectares of creeks, native vegetation and native corridors. Our estate has twelve individual blocks of Shiraz. Each block is defined by different aspects and subtle variations of the sand and Ironstone soils that overlie the ancient North Maslin Sands geological formation.

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.

Being from multiple blocks of Shiraz, we picked from late March through till late April. 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

Fruit for this wine was sourced from Blocks 10, 12, 15, 16, 17 and 19 in our single-vineyard estate. Approximately 10% of this fruit remained as whole bunches, with the remaining fruit destemmed and mechanically sorted. 50% of this fruit remained as whole berries, with the other 50% lightly broken. We cold-soaked the fermentation tanks for 5-6 days until the onset of wild fermentation, utilising the yeasts that naturally come in with the grapes from the vineyard. The open fermenters underwent a careful regime of plunging and rack and returns. The wine was kept on yeast lees for 12 months, in French oak (25% new). This resulting wine received no fining, just filtration. Bottled in August 2018.

- Alcohol: 14.0%
- pH: 3.51
- TA: 6.5 g/L

VARIETAL COMPOSITION
100% Shiraz

VINE AGE
19-23 year-old vines

SOIL
Deep sandy soils

GEOLOGY
North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION
150-180M above sea level

Organic & biodynamic Certification (ACO # 11587)

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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