YANGARRA
ESTATE VINEYARD

Ironheart Shiraz

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

2019 IRONHEART SHIRAZ

Ironheart is the flagship Shiraz from our single vineyard estate in Blewitt Springs at the northern edge of McLaren Vale. The vineyard's northern aspect, higher elevation and sandy ironstone soils produce Shiraz with immense concentration and finesse.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The 2019 growing season was very dry, which resulted in moderately low yields. We had a relatively warm lead up to the ripening period, which produced a very condensed and fast harvest. Our varieties faired well in these conditions, giving rise to concentration, freshness of flavour and marked natural acidity.

WINEMAKING

Sourced exclusively from Block 15 (1.8 Ha), which lies amongst a north facing gravelly ironstone outcrop where the North Maslin Sand geology comes to the surface. Hand-picked (29th March), 25% whole bunches and the remainder has been destemmed, mechanical berry sorted and crushed. Open fermenters and on skins for 16 days. A gentle maceration principle of wetting the cap and only draining and returning when reductive. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Kept on lees in 35% new French oak puncheons, 65% older French oak Puncheons for 9 months. We selected individual barrels which were blended and further matured for 7 months in a 2-year-old French 25hL foudre. Bottled September 2020.

ACCLAIM

96 POINTS — Campbell Mattinson, *The Wine Front*, May 2022

96 POINTS — Ned Goodwin, *Halliday Wine Companion*, August 2022

94 POINTS — David Sly, *Decanter*, April 2022

ACO Certified Organic & Biodynamic
ACO CERT. NO. 11587

VARIETY
100% Shiraz

YEAR PLANTED
1999

REGION
Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

SOIL
Ironstone gravels

GEOLOGY
North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION
175m - 180m above sea level

BLOCK 15
1.8 hectares

YIELD
3.5 tonnes per hectare or 24 hectolitres per hectare

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY
Fruit

ALCOHOL
14.5%

PH 3.58 **TA** 6.4 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane

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