

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.

2020 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 growing season was affected by a very hot spring, leading to the lowest yields on record. As the grapes started their ripening process the weather miraculously cooled to a very mild ripening season. This resulted in wonderful concentration of flavour, retention of natural acidity and brightness of fruit, but above all, beautiful finesse, and balanced tannins.

WINEMAKING

Hand-picked (21st March), 20% whole bunches, and the remainder has been destemmed, mechanical berry sorted, 30% whole berries and 50% crushed. Open fermenters and on skins for approximately 21 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 for 16 months in 1 year old foudre. Bottled November 2021. Certified Organic/Biodynamic.

ACCLAIM

95 POINTS — Aaron Brasher, *The Real Review*, January 2023

95 POINTS — James Suckling, *JamesSuckling.com*, October 2022



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

BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Flower

ALCOHOL

13.5%

PH

3.67

TA

5.4 g/L

WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane