

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.

2023 SHIRAZ

From the old-world Rhône Syrah to the South Australian red sweetheart, Shiraz evolves once again in the sandy soils of Blewitt Springs. Sourced from six unique blocks on our elevated site, the elegant Yangarra Shiraz is shaped by its connection to the sand and ironstone soils that overlie the ancient North Maslin Sands geological formation beneath.

VINTAGE SUMMARY

The growing season began with significantly higher than average rainfall. The cool, wet conditions continued through Spring, setting us up for balanced canopies and lower yields. La Niña weather patterns forecast cooler temperatures and continued rainfall for harvest. We were able to enhance vineyard practices such as shoot thinning and leaf removal to promote airflow, reduce mildew and increase sun exposure to bunches. From our experience, a cold vintage in a warm region can produce some of the best wines. Due to the cultural practices implemented, we were able to pick the majority of the vineyard in a three-week window prior to Easter, completed in early April. Wines produced from this vintage will be some of the prettiest and most delicate from the Estate.

WINEMAKING

Sourced from six blocks within the estate. Approximately 50% on sand, 50% on ironstone. Destemmed and selectively sorted. 20% whole berries. Wild yeast ferment. Open fermenters and on skins for up to 25 days. a gentle maceration principle of wetting the cap and only draining and returning as required. No pressings were used in this wine. Élevage on lees in predominantly older French oak puncheons and foudre for 15 months. Certified Organic / Biodynamic. Bottled August 2024.



SHIRAZ

VARIETY

96% Shiraz
4% Viognier

YEAR PLANTED

1999

REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

SOIL

Sand and ironstone

GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands
(54 million years old)

ELEVATION

175 - 210m above sea level

ALCOHOL

13.5%

PH TA

3.56 5.4 g/L



WINEMAKER: Peter Fraser

VITICULTURALIST: Michael Lane