

RESERVE SHIRAZ, NOON

Vintage

2014



Grapes for the Reserve Shiraz have been sourced from the same vineyard (the 1.6 hectare '20 Rows' Block in Langhorne Creek owned by the Borrett family) since the first Reserve Shiraz in 1997.

TASTING NOTE

The 2014 Reserve Shiraz is an attractive and intriguing wine to smell, displaying different characters when you go back to it on different occasions. There are sweet berries (like blackcurrant cordial) dominant sometimes and more spicy/roast beef/soy sauce characters at others! The flavours are typically full bodied, with a lovely softness in this vintage and it has excellent balance and structure which suggests a good cellaring future.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2013 winter was good and wet, with warm nights leading to a lower level of dormancy in the vines and an early bud break. September was very warm and dry from the outset, getting the growing season off to a fast start with rapid vine growth. Surprisingly mild temperatures prevailed in late spring. The summer then slowly turned hot, with a 41°C day in December, a heatwave in January and a very hot start to February. The vines searched deep for survival before rain mid-February brought much needed water. Cooler conditions in Langhorne Creek pushed the harvest date well into autumn, and much later than usual, with crops slightly above average.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol

14.9

pH

3.81

Acidity

5.7

VINIFICATION DETAILS

The grapes were hand picked in two passes. The fruit was fermented in small open vats, with manual pigeage to help extract colour and tannins from the grapes. After fermentation was complete, pressing was done by hand in small manual basket presses, with care taken not to extract too much bitterness or astringency by rough handling and over-pressing. Maturation then took place in 300l oak barrels (both French and American oak) of which 40% were new, for 18 months.

GREEN CREDENTIALS

Member of Sustainable Australia Winegrowing.

ATTRIBUTES



Origin

Australia



Variety

Shiraz (Syrah)



Malolactic Fermentation

Yes



Bottle Size

75cl



Vegetarian

Blank



Winemaker

Drew Noon



Fining Agent



Closure

Screw top



Region

Langhorne Creek



Vegan

Blank