



PAREA (noun):

“A group of individuals who gather together for the joy of sharing their experiences, philosophies and ideas.”

2022 BLEWITT SPRINGS SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ



Vineyard

Our family-owned vineyard is located in the Blewitt Springs sub-region of McLaren Vale, renowned for its high elevation, ironstone-rich sandy soils and the moderating sea-breezes of the Gulf St Vincent. Planted to 30-year-old, dry-grown, own-rooted Shiraz vines. No systemic herbicides, fungicides or insecticides used. Under-vine cultivation and mid-row mowing for weed control, only copper and sulphur used for fungicide application, as well as some organic nutrients.

2022 Season

A second La Niña year in a row, giving way to a wet winter and spring followed by a mild summer and dry autumn. A low yielding vintage (~4T/ha), but mild conditions allowed a slow ripening period.

Winemaking

Harvested by friends and family on March 5th at ~12.7be. Fruit fermented in small batches, including 75% whole-berry and 100% whole-bunch. Combination of wild and inoculated ferments with no adjustment necessary. A 3–4-week maceration, basket-pressed to tank and settled before racking to used puncheons and one new François Frères hogshead for 9 months. Only racked and sulphured for the first time prior to bottling in February 2023.

Nose

Lifted aromatics of blue fruit, pomegranate, lavender and violet florals, garrigue herb, melded with subtle char and graphite.

Palate

Fresh damson, bramble and pomegranate, with pithy blood orange and a hint of fresh anise to the fore, followed by black olive tapenade, prosciutto and notes of Amaro bitters. Finely textured and focussed with a hint of sappy and sandy tannins, balanced by a clean and distinct acid line. Graphite and musk oak character, with a touch of saline minerality on the finish.

Drinking Window

Now through to 2030

Technical Notes

53% whole-bunch / 18% new oak / 50ppm total SO₂ / 13%ABV / pH 3.58 / TA 5.6

Total Production - 1800 Bottles and 60 Magnums – Bottled 21/02/2023

