



PAREA (noun):

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

2023 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 33-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 biological nutrients.

2023 Season

A cool start to Spring saw delayed budburst and a late, drawn-out flowering period. Significant rainfall drove strong growth in our dry-grown vineyard. Once the rainy weather ceased, mild weather persisted throughout the summer, allowing extended hang time where the fruit was able to develop further complexity and concentration on the vine.

Winemaking

Hand-harvested on March 18th at ~12.5be and vinified and matured on the estate. Fruit fermented in small batches with 40% whole-bunch. Spontaneous wild fermentation. 3-week maceration before being basket-pressed to stainless steel for settling. The wine was matured for 10 months in a mix of used French oak puncheons (500L) and hogsheads (300L), with one new French oak hogshead included in the final blend (15%). Bottled January 20th 2024 under Diam 10 Origine Cork.

Nose

Lifted aromatics of blue fruit, red plum, hedgerow berries and rosehip, followed by anise, violet, garrigue herbs, green peppercorn and smoked meats. Delicate hints of char and cedar.

Palate

Fresh plum, bramble and cranberry, with pithy blood orange and hints of black cherry to the fore. Verdale olive, tarragon, aniseed and charcuterie on the mid palate. Finely textured sandy tannins, balanced by a bright acid line. Cedar, and delicate char oak character, with a touch of white pepper and ferrous minerality on the finish.

Drinking Window

Now through to 2035

Technical Notes

40% whole-bunch / 15% new French oak / 41ppm total SO₂ / 13% ABV / pH 3.6 / TA 5.6

Total Production - 2600 Bottles and 60 Magnums – Bottled 20/01/2024

