



Est. 1969

2018 Dry Red Wine No. 2

Shiraz 95% Mataro 3% Viognier 1% Marsanne 1%

Accolades

96 Points – Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*
95 Points – James Halliday, *Wine Companion*
Langton's Classified, "Excellent"
Bronze Medal, *Yarra Valley Wine Show 2020*
The Real Review Best Wines of 2020 - #2 Shiraz blends (VIC)

Vines

Original 1969 plantings of Shiraz and Marsanne with additional Shiraz planted across the 1990's, Mataro & Viognier drawn from vines planted from 1984 to 1995.

Winemaking

Fruit was hand-picked, transferred across a sorting table and destemmed directly to the Yarra Yering half-tonne open-fermenters. As much whole berry as possible is retained to encourage perfume. A little stalk return to some of the fermenters in order to contribute structure and aroma. A portion of fermenters had frozen Viognier skins added to the bottom, some with Marsanne skins. The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak barriques, 30% new before blending and bottling.

Wine

A complex and layered wine; sweet and savoury all at once. The fragrance is a melting pot of violets, plums, savoury spices and a whiff of bramble. Moderate in weight; the plum fruits come in all colours dialling up the flavour interest. There is cigar box and cardamom spice lending intrigue. Firm yet fine tannins ably support the fruit and texture drive the palate. This one is hard to put in a box, there is so much to love.

Cellaring

This fragrant style is approachable as a young wine but with some bottle maturation will evolve into a beautifully complex wine. This blend has a track record thus it will continue to evolve for a further 20+ years under suitable cellaring conditions should you want to cellar it for an extended period.

Alc. 13.5%