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Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz

2018

Hunter Valley NSW

Tasting Notes

— Perfect bright mid density colour with purple tints just adding to the appeal. The use of large format French oak allows the red spice and bramble of the Hunter Shiraz fruit to shine. Initial palate is very supple and complete, giving a lovely flow from start to finish. The importance of acidity can never be underestimated as this underpins the structure. It is a juicy acidity and in complete harmony with the ripe tannins and perfectly balanced oak to make this one of the great Graveyards.

Winemakers Comment

Understandably some excitement surrounding the release of this wine. Being awarded James Halliday's 2021 Wine of the Year is a massive achievement. Tasting the wine, it is easy to see why. A wine of great poise, sharing a pedigree with the celebrated 2014, 1998 and 1986 Graveyard vintages. This is a very, very good Shiraz.

Winter and early Spring of 2017 was dry, with only 19mm of rain falling over the months of July to September. This set a low crop but things evened out with 250mm from October to December. There was concern that we were looking down the barrel of a wet harvest but a historically dry and temperate January resulted in a near perfect ripening period. The old vines of Graveyard were harvested in the first week of February in pristine condition. An effortless high quality vintage.

Vinification

Processing started with a 3 day cold soak, then a 4-5 day ferment at 24-26C. The vineyard is on heavy clay soil which gives great fruit concentration with tannin structure and direction. The oak regime for this wine is 100% French, no new oak.

Food

Pairs well with Osso bucco or slow roasted lamb shoulder.

Drink

Will improve with further bottle age.



VARIETY

Shiraz

REGION

Hunter Valley NSW

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.31

Acidity 6.7g/L

Residual Sugar Nil

Closure Screwcap

Availability 750ml

RRP A\$350

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