



THE
WILLOWS
VINEYARD

2019 G7 Shiraz

Variety

100% Shiraz - Single block
60 DOZ MADE

Vineyard

Fruit for this wine is sourced from our Back Block 2004 planting. The soil on the Back Block is quite different to that found on our lower lying blocks, highlighting the diversity of soil types across our vineyard site. Predominantly sandy loam over mottled red and yellow clay, strongly influenced by a vein of heavier textured ironstone. The combination of this soil type and the Shiraz clone 1654 produces wines with intensity of flavour and age-worthy structure.

Vintage

The 2018/19 season was dry, with autumn, winter, spring and summer rainfall all below average. The dry soils and cooler than average spring nights resulted in 2 significant frost events in the Barossa that impacted pockets of our vineyard, reducing yields. January was quite warm, but thankfully gave way in February to more mild, favourable ripening conditions. The washup was lean yields, abundant flavour. Handpicked 21st of February and 3rd of March.

Winemaking

2 parcels of fruit were handpicked 10 days apart; the first targeting bright, vibrant fruit and the second targeting depth and structure. Small batch open fermentation, 10-12 days on skins with gentle hand plunging. We included some whole bunches during fermentation chasing lifted aromatics and complex structure. Basket pressed to seasoned French oak. Malolactic fermentation in barrel with 14 months barrel maturation.

Tasting Notes

The wine immediately shows bright, lifted aromatics of raspberry, blackberry, violet florals and black pepper spice. The palate is vibrant and expressive, all about primary fruit. The mix of red and black fruits is accompanied by a bright line of acid and a soft, powdery tannin profile. There is a `mineralic` feel that runs the length of the palate with the wine showing great poise and balance.

