

2019 MARANANGA SHIRAZ



HARE'S CHASE



Technical Notes:

Winemaker:	Matt Reynolds
Varietal:	100% Shiraz
Region:	Marananga Barossa Valley
Alcohol:	15.5% alc/vol
pH:	3.69
TA:	5.8g/L
Bottled:	3 November 2020

Vintage Conditions

The 2019 growing season was one of the most challenging in memory. Rainfall was down 25% and 40% on average for winter and spring respectively. The dry conditions led to a couple of significant frost events, while flowering was met by hot then cold windy conditions. Consequently, fruit set was poor. Some sub-regions of the Barossa were also met with hail, fortunately, we escaped that weather event. Very hot and dry conditions continued through December and January. Thankfully, February was mild. As a result, disease pressure was very low as were the yields. Overall 2019 is seen as an exceptional vintage for red grape varieties.

Vineyard Selection

The Marananga Shiraz was sourced from a selection of our premium Shiraz blocks grown on the Hare's Chase vineyard.

Winemaking

The Shiraz grapes were hand-picked, destemmed and fermented in 5 tonne open fermenters with twice daily pump overs to achieve maximum extraction of colour, flavour and tannin from the grape skins. At the completion of fermentation, the skins were basket pressed with the pressings and free-run combined. The wine was then transferred to oak and matured in a combination of new and seasoned American and French oak 300L hogsheads barrels for 18 months before careful barrel selection and blending before bottling.

Tasting Evaluation:

Colour: Deep garnet with a purple hue.

Aroma: Concentrated black fruits of cherry and plum, whole black pepper and cinnamon spice with savoury characters of charcuterie and tobacco.

Palate: Rich and ripe layered black fruit with supportive and supple vanillin oak gives length, while the structured tannin profile offers length.

Drink now or cellar for 5-10 years.