

2020 THE SPRINGER SHIRAZ



HARE'S CHASE



Technical Notes:

Winemaker:	Matt Reynolds
Varietal:	Shiraz
Region:	Barossa Valley
Alcohol:	14.6% alc/vol
pH:	3.56
TA:	6.6 g/L
Residual Sugar:	2.47 g/L
Bottled:	30 March 2022

Vintage Conditions:

The 2020 growing season began well with reasonable winter rainfall, however spring and summer rainfall was significantly below average. The 2019 calendar year rainfall was the lowest ever recorded for the Nuriootpa weather station. A cold windy flowering in November led to a hot dry December. A challenging growing season to say the least. Bacchus came to the rescue in the new year and offered mild January temperatures and wonderful 21mm of rainfall in February. Yields varied from vineyard to vineyard, but most were well below average. However, on a positive note, the fruit quality and resulting wine were concentrated in both colour and flavour. We wish we had more volume to share.

Vineyard Selection:

The Springer Shiraz is sourced from several of our dedicated growers across the Barossa Valley.

Winemaking:

Shiraz was harvested at optimal ripeness, processed at our Hares Chase Winery in small open top fermenters with twice daily pump-overs to maximise extraction of colour, flavour and tannin. At the completion of fermentation, the wine was pressed with free-run and pressings combined and filled to neutral oak hogsheads to soften and stabilize prior to blending and packaging, ensuring freshness and vibrancy.

Tasting Evaluation:

Colour: Brilliant crimson bright deep core with a ruby-red rim.

Aroma: Fresh bright sweet red berried fruits of wild strawberry, raspberry and cherry. Whole black pepper, all spice, cinnamon and chocolate notes fill the sensors.

Palate: Rich and full, vibrant and fresh, the sweet fruit flavours of red cherry, raspberry and plum fill mouth partnered with soft acidity and velvet chewy tannins hold the rich mid palate giving length and persistence.