

2020 Draycott Reserve Shiraz

Region – Barossa Valley

pH – 3.5

TA – 7.0 g/L

Alc – 16%

Vintage

Vintage 2020 was another drought affected vintage. With less than average winter and spring rains the vines produced very small crops. The plus side of this was the quality of the fruit was outstanding with small bunches and small berries producing amazing colour and concentration of flavour.

Vineyards

This wine is from the Draycott Vineyard which has deep clay soil over Limestone. This is the perfect soil for red grapes with the vines having to “work hard”, thus producing small berries/low crops with great concentration of flavour and tannin structure, that make the wines long lived. The clay in the sub soil gives good moisture retention capabilities so the vines roots can “extract” the required amount of moisture as required.

Winemaking

This Draycott Reserve Shiraz is a selection of only the best barrels from our oldest blocks of Shiraz. Additionally, the wine is only released in the great vintages. All the fruit from the Burge Family Estate is hand-picked ensuring the fruit is in pristine condition when it reaches the winery. Time honoured, small batch winemaking techniques are employed, with wild fermentation encouraged, as well as extended time on skins. The wine was matured in a mix of new French and American hogsheads to impart complementary cedary notes and add complexity. The wine naturally clarified, so no bottling filtration was required. The wine was bottled after being in oak for 30 months.

Tasting Notes

This wine has an impenetrable black/purple colour. The nose is intense with lifted blackberries, prunes, Christmas cake and toasty oak. Initial flavours are deep dark berry fruits, hints of ginger coated chocolate and sweet spice from the oak. The palate is rich, lush and round showing all the hallmarks of a great Barossa Valley Shiraz from an excellent vintage. The soft velvety tannins complement the mouthfilling flavours creating intense depth and weight. It finishes long and satisfying with the plum fruit and chocolate oak lingering through the finish.

Ageing

This wine can age for thirty years plus with careful cellaring.