

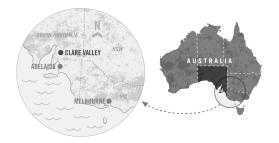
2017 ORACLE SHIRAZ



One of our most celebrated and awarded wines, the Oracle Shiraz pays homage to the diversity of the Clare Valley. The Oracle is also one of the original four wines made in 1997 and is our flagship Shiraz named after the mythological Oracle, where one goes to obtain wisdom and understanding. The Oracle captures the very essence of the Clare Valleys famous Terroir, its unique provenance, power, and elegance.

# PLACE

Sourced from high elevation Estate vineyards at Mt. Surmon and Trillians Hill- the blend also comprised of the finest parcels from the famed Mort's Vineyard in the heart of the Kilikanoon Estate



# VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Early spring rains and a cool end to summer allowed the grapes to hang on the vine longer, resulting in powerful and elegant Shiraz fruit. The region's famed elevation and distinctive terroir, created the perfect conditions in which to ripen each parcel to its optimum flavour, profile and acid/tannin balance.

#### WINEMAKING

Low yielding parcels of Shiraz were selected from each vineyard based on concentration of flavours. Each parcel was then vinified separately using traditional winemaking techniques, before being aged for fourteen months in a careful selection of new and seasoned French oak hogsheads.

# COLOUR

Deep inky purple in colour.

## NOSE

Aromas showing subtle notes of vanilla, blackberries, pepper and eucalyptus against a an alluring background of licorice and soft oak. Gorgeous and aromatic.

## PALATE

Generously proportioned with a rich and smooth texture that fills the palate. Flavours of plum and blackberry give way to a softly spicy and heady mix of dark chocolate, pepper, mint and licorice. A long lasting and velvety finish, elongated by the fine, powdery, slightly grippy tannins. Vibrant acidity ensures a fresh balance.

# GRAPE VARIETY

Shiraz 100%

#### FOOD PAIRING

Outstanding with a well-cooked sirloin steak or ossobuco.

#### WINE ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 14.5% Acidity: 6.4 g/L

Oak: French Hogs Head for 14 months

# CEL LARING/PEAK DRINKING

Drink it now or cellar carefully for up to 20 years.

# WINEMAKER

Peter Warr

## AWARDS

93 points - Halliday Wine Companion







LAST TASTED 18th May 2022