



WAKEFIELD

The Pioneer SHIRAZ

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SHIRAZ 2015

REGION

Clare Valley

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

In the Clare Valley, the growing season in the lead up to vintage 2015 saw slightly higher than average amounts of rainfall initially and then very little fell, making it the driest ever August recorded at the estate. The first evidence of budburst appeared in the last week of August which is relatively normal. Rainfall for spring was well below average and not only was the spring weather extremely dry, it was also warm and windy. These conditions had a detrimental impact on flowering with resultant bunch numbers down on average. December and January were relatively mild, with rain falling during the second week of January. The moisture was a welcome relief after such a dry spring and the varieties on the estate responding well for both yield and quality.

COLOUR

Astriking, dark cherry colour which sits at the mid-point between black and ruby.

NOSE

Generous and immediately offers sweet, spice characters of fine oak lifting from the glass. These are underscored by fresh, red plum and cherry fruit characters that sit confidently at the heart of the wine.

PALATE

The palate shows considerable structure. There is much to enjoy now, with vanilla and liquorice root notes in abundance through the mid-palate and layering beautifully onto the back-palate and finish, whilst blueberry and ripe dark plums define the overall heart of the wine. The tannins have a velvety softness to them that is neither bitter nor over-firm, reminiscent of sweet plum skins and reinforcing the sense that this wine shall develop exceptionally well in the cellar.

OAK MATURATION

Post MLF, the wine was matured in a selection of fine-grained American and French oak barrels – 75% new and the balance in two and three years old Érmitage, AP John and Du Val de Loire barrels. These barrels were specially selected for their ability to impart power, subtlety and mid-palate generosity to the wine. After 12 months, a painstaking barrel selection assessment was undertaken to identify those deemed as 'exceptional' and these parcel were blended and returned to barrel for a further 12 months maturation prior to bottling in August 2018.

CELLARING NOTES

Immediately approachable but will cellar well in ideal conditions for up to 20 years





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TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol	14.5%	Acid	6.95g/litre
from vintage date.	3.40	Residual Sugar	1.50g/litre



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AWARDS & MEDALS

SHIRAZ 2015

2018	La Mujer Elige International Wine and Spirits Competition	Trophy
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2018	La Mujer Elige International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2018	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	Gold
2019	Stuttgart International Wine Competition	Gold
2019	Catad'Or World Wine Awards	Gold
2019	Korean Wine Challenge	Gold
2019	China Wine & Spirit Awards	Gold
2019	AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge	Gold
2019	Sommelier Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition	Gold
2019	The Asian Syrah Masters	Gold