



WAKEFIELD

The Pioneer

SHIRAZ

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SHIRAZ 2016

REGION

Clare Valley

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

In the Clare Valley, rainfall was below average for the season, but Mother Nature saw fit to dole out just the right amount of water at just the right time for maximum positive impact on the vine's health and importantly, the quality of the fruit produced. In fact, this was just one of the factors at play when it comes to the vintage being lauded as one of the greats. Firstly, the vines were 'stress free' heading into the winter period, creating the potential for a superior crop. Secondly, conditions were ideal during flowering and then lastly, the threat of frost did not eventuate. All these conditions combined to create what called be described as 'the perfect storm' for an excellent vintage.

COLOUR

A deep, dark ruby red colour.

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A complex evolution of sweet red plum and cherry fruit characters, interwoven with cinnamon spice and vanilla, along with hints of violet lift that effortlessly from the glass. These are underscored by creamy, rich chocolate notes.

PALATE

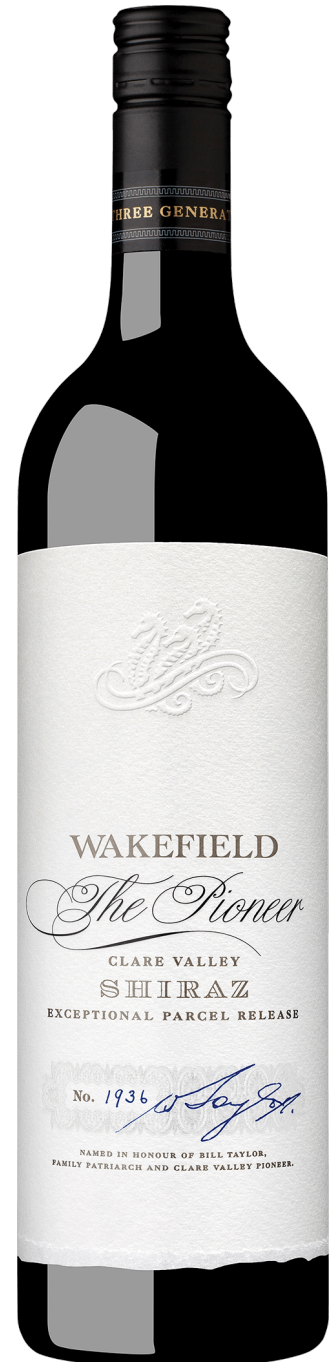
The palate shows considerable richness and at the same time, superb suppleness. There is much to enjoy with rich, ripe plum and cherry flavours in abundance through the mid-palate, layering beautifully with silky, delicate tannins onto the back-palate and finish, reinforcing the sense that this wine will develop exceptionally well in the cellar.

OAK MATURATION

All fruit parcels were fermented in headless new American oak barrels. The wine was matured in fine-grained American oak barrels (100% new). After 12 months, a barrel selection assessment was undertaken to identify parcels deemed as 'exceptional' and these were blended and returned to barrel for a further 12 months' maturation prior to bottling.

CELLARING NOTES

Immediately approachable but will cellar well in ideal conditions for up to 20 years from vintage date.





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TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol	14.5%	Acid	7.03g/litre
PH	3.39	Residual Sugar	0.82g/litre



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AWARDS & MEDALS

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2022	La Mujer Elige International Wine and Spirits Competition	Trophy
2023	TERRAVINO Mediterranean International Wine and Spirits Challenge	Trophy
2020	Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards	Platinum
2022	Portugal Wine Trophy	Grand Gold
2022	Catad'Or World Wine Awards	Grand Gold
2023	Vinalies Internationales	Grand Gold
2020	Catad'Or World Wine Awards	Great Gold
2023	Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition	Great Gold
2022	Melbourne International Wine Competition	Double Gold
2022	VINUS International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2022	La Mujer Elige International Wine and Spirits Competition	Double Gold
2023	TERRAVINO Mediterranean International Wine and Spirits Challenge	Double Gold
2019	Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge	Gold
2019	The Asian Syrah Masters	Gold
2019	Wine Luxe International Awards	Gold
2020	MUNDUS VINI International Wine Awards	Gold
2020	Sommelier Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition	Gold
2020	Stellar Cellar Selection BTI	Gold
2020	Melbourne International Wine Competition	Gold
2022	Asia Wine Trophy	Gold
2022	Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards	Gold
2022	MUNDUS VINI International Wine Awards	Gold
2022	Sommelier Challenge International Wine & Spirits Competition	Gold
2022	AWC Vienna International Wine Challenge	Gold
2023	Berliner Wine Trophy	Gold
2023	Winemaker Challenge International Wine Competition	Gold