

Est. 1969

2015 Underhill Shiraz

Region

Yarra Valley (Gruyere)

Vines

1973 planted, 8-acre block of Shiraz at the western extremity of Yarra Yering.

Winemaking

Hand harvested and destemmed with no crushing to retain whole berries, directly to the Yarra Yering half-tonne open-fermenters. High use of stalk baskets to increase stalk tannins, structure and interest. Basket pressed and aged for 15 months in French oak puncheons (500L) only 30% new oak.

Wine

New world cool climate Shiraz starts here. Heady black plum fruits and pretty violet aromatics interlaced with liquorice spice and nettle undergrowth. The heavier clay based soils produces wine dark fruits and spice, chewy tannins creating the framework to support the fruit and savoury undertones.

Cellaring

Drinking beautifully at present but this vineyard has a proven pedigree and track record thus it will continue to evolve for a further 20+ years under suitable cellaring conditions.

Accolades

96 Points – Tony Key, The Key Report 95 Points – James Halliday, Wine Companion 95 Points – Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine, Dec 2017 95 Points – Huon Hooke, The Real Review 93+ Points – Gary Walsh, www.winefront.com.au

13.0 % Alc