



BASKET PRESS SHIRAZ 2018

Perhaps more than any other wine, Basket Press Shiraz represents the style of wine we make. It draws heavily on the wisdom and shared knowledge of previous generations of Australian winemakers and recognises that at the heart of every great wine are great vineyards.

Basket Press Shiraz is made using equipment from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, before aging in a collection of seasoned American and French oak hogsheads and large casks for two years. After bottling the wine is sealed under the highest quality cork. This approach enables us to make the kind of traditional, soft, deeply coloured, earthy Australian red wine that Robert O'Callaghan first became fascinated by as a budding winemaker in the 1960's.

2018 was one of those years when things just fell into place. Despite the season being one of the driest in many decades, it lacked any prolonged heat waves or significant rainfall events, much to our relief. Shiraz throughout the region flourished and Eden Valley Shiraz was a standout, it reveled in the warm dry conditions. The resulting wine has striking colour, outstanding structure and a rich, soft mouthfeel.

The wine will continue to soften and mature in bottle and will certainly show its best with a decade of age under its cork.

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