



HONEY MOON VINEYARD

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WINE NOTES

This is a single vineyard, cool-climate, Shiraz, made from grapes grown at the Honey Moon Vineyard, by Jane Bromley and Hylton McLean. The vineyard is situated on the high ridges of Echunga (elevation of 420m to 410m), where the soils are predominately light brown alluvial loam over a deep layer of red ironstone clay. The vineyard covers a sunny, north-facing, slope. On heat summation data, the Honey Moon Vineyard site is a little cooler than Côte Rôtie and a little warmer than Burgundy.

Grapes – 100% Shiraz; from massale (field) clonal selections from two old vineyards in South Australia known for their spicy Shiraz characters. We net the vineyard at veraison (the point at which the hard, green, grapes turn red and begin to soften, and start to accumulate sugar) to protect the grapes from damage.

2021 Vintage – the summer of the 2020/21 growing season was the coolest in the past ten seasons. Several good rain periods in late January / early February set the vines up for optimal flavour development. The final stages of ripening were slowed by cool conditions resulting in ideal conditions for flavour development. Harvest dates in the region for dry red wines were similar to those of the 1980/90s, i.e. later than in recent years.

Winemaking – hand harvested on the 4th April 2021 and destemmed without crushing into small open fermenters. Ferments were hand plunged several times each day and were pressed off skins in our basket press after 13 days. Malo-lactic fermentation was completed in tank, then the young wine was racked into small French oak barriques (25% new). After 15 months in oak the wine was bottled in October 2022.

Technical – Alc 15.0 % v/v; TA - 6.7 g/L; pH - 3.49.

Tasting Notes – *Appearance*: Deep ruby with a vibrant purple hue. *Aroma*: Spicy, blackberries and cherries all jostle together along with a little shake of white pepper and whiff of allspice. Already showing signs of the complexity to come. *Palate*: Immediately spicy, with intense fruit sweetness chiming in – balanced by substantial velvety tannins and fresh acidity. Despite the fullness of flavour and body, the wine is cool and refreshing in the mouth. Yum. A lovely cool climate Shiraz that will continue to evolve in very interesting ways over the next 15 or more years.