



HONEY MOON VINEYARD

Honey Moon Vineyard Shiraz 2012

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An elegant, complex, and smooth shiraz wine from the elevated slopes of Echunga (410–420m). The vineyard has a north- and east-facing aspect, with light brown alluvial loam over ironstone clay. It was planted in late 2003/early 2004 using massale (field) selections. These cuttings were sourced from two South Australian vineyards known for their spicy shiraz characters. The site's cool-climate profile – based on heat summation data – sits between the Côte Rôtie and Burgundy regions of France.

Grapes and winemaking

Shiraz 100%. The 2012 season delivered a low-yielding crop of exceptional quality. A cool spring limited fruit set, followed by warm, dry days and cool nights through summer and into harvest. Grapes were hand-picked on 3 April, destemmed gently to retain lots of whole berries, fermented in small open fermenters, then basket-pressed into French oak barriques (48% new) for 19 months.

Timeline

Harvested 3 April 2012; in oak for 19 months; cellared under our control in constant and cool conditions for 11y 6m (as at June 2025).

Serving

We recommend carefully decanting the wine, close to the time of serving, to separate clear wine from the fine sediment that forms naturally over time. This harmless sediment comprises colour pigments, tannins and mineral crystals. Stand the bottle upright ahead of time, then pour slowly into a decanter (or similar), stopping when the sediment first appears. Alternatively, you can serve the clear wine carefully from the bottle. The ideal temperature for serving is 16–18 degrees Celsius.

Tasting Note

Vivid magenta-red with a deep ruby core. The nose is lifted and concentrated, with raspberry, blackberry, black pepper and spice, supported by savoury French oak. The palate shows vibrant red and dark berry fruit, hints of mint and spice, and a fine cedar/oak line. Structured by silky tannins and marked by a long, fragrant finish. Smooth. Has power and elegance.

Accolades

- **Trophy – Best Wine of Provenance**, Adelaide Hills Wine Show 2017 (2007, 2012, 2015)
- **Trophies – Best Red Wine of Show and Best Cool Climate Shiraz**, International Cool Climate Wine Show 2014
- Multiple Gold and Silver Medals, including International Cool Climate, Royal Queensland, National Wine and Adelaide Hills Wine Shows
- Adelaide Review Hot 100 Wines 2015–16: “Beautifully composed with confidence, charm and grace. Poised, fragrant and supple.”