



HONEY MOON VINEYARD

Honey Moon Vineyard Adelaide Hills Shiraz 2018

Single vineyard | cool climate shiraz

An elegant, intense and vibrant shiraz 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 – 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

The 2018 season began with a cool, wet spring, delaying shoot growth, flowering, and veraison – setting the season back by about four weeks. A dry, mild autumn allowed ripening to catch up, with Shiraz harvested 7–10 days later than average, in perfect condition, on 4 April. Grapes were hand-harvested, gently destemmed to retain lots of whole berries, and fermented in small open fermenters. After 14 days on skins, the wine was pressed, and then matured in French oak barriques (44% new, Allier and Tronçais) for 23 months. Bottled in April 2020.

Tasting Notes

Very deep magenta red with a vibrant ruby hue. Intense and layered aromas of raspberry, plum, cherry, spice, white pepper, and toasty cedary oak. Lead by ripe black cherry, plum, and blackberry, with subtle sweet, spicy and smokey oak – the palate is long and intense...and nicely framed by the velvety tannin structure. Elegant, complex and smooth. A classic cool climate Shiraz with impressive structure and ageing potential that will continue to evolve gracefully over the next 15 or more years.

Serving Suggestions

Great with steak, pepper steak, and roasted meats, etc. Also excellent with earthy vegetarian fare such as mushroom risotto or lentil ragu, and is an excellent match with aged cheeses like clothbound cheddar or firm, nutty styles such as Comté. Serve at 16–18 °C

Awards and Reviews

This has intense, spiced dark-plum and berry aromas with light pepper and dark-stone notes, too. The palate has a very smooth-honed feel with plush layers of fine tannins building smoothly into the long, juicy and vibrant finish. 93 points, James Suckling, June 2020. Bronze Medal Adelaide Hills Wine Show 2020.

Jane and Hylton, July 2025