

GALAFREY WINES



2018 Whole Bunch Dry Grown Shiraz MOUNT BARKER WESTERN AUSTRALIA

TASTING NOTES

Handpicked fruit from our young Shiraz block which is over 20 years old and dry grown. Whole bunch ferment showing brilliant fragrance perfume spice and lovely juicy crunchy palate. An exciting innovative wine.

VINEYARD

Fruit sourced from our 42-year-old 12-hectare Dry Grown Vineyard. Our old vines are not irrigated; something quite unusual in these days of mass commercial production. Having smaller fruit fosters an intensity of the flavour, with most of the colour and tannin of the grape being concentrated in or near the skin. The characteristically cool climate of the district ensures slow ripening of the grapes, which also allows for the development of rich flavour and quality grape juice. Grown on ancient gravely loams, our old vines are all cane pruned and yield 2 tonne per hectare. Galafrey harvest their grapes from mid-March to late April depending on the season.

VINTAGE COMMENTS

V18 started very quickly but with no disease or weather pressure we were able to have extra hang time for all wines especially reds resulting in higher than average alcohols and ripeness. The Great Southern area will be showing great ripeness and power not often seen in our wines. Look for great floral aromas in whites, intensity and power in reds.

WINEMAKING

Hand Picked these dry, cool to mild climate grapes of the Great Southern region will produce an innovative Shiraz, wines with great depth of flavour and structure. Pick from young vines which ironically is 20+ years old. Whole Bunch fermented, lightly oaked for 10 months on French oak and then bottled. Unfiltered, unfinned, minimal. We endeavour through meticulous viticulture and wine production sympathetic to the vintage conditions to produce a Shiraz that will be innovated varietal characters in tune with its sense of place. Left of Skins to ensure depth of colour and flavour our winemaking is geared toward producing a wine that is harmonious. This wine pushes the boundaries of cool climate whole bunch shiraz which is ripe