



2018

Shiraz

TASTING NOTES



VINEYARD

BAIE Wines vineyard is located in the Bellarine Peninsula and is strongly influenced by the maritime cool climate. The vineyard is bound to the North directly overlooking Port Phillip Bay, and the 16 year old vines are grown on coastal loam, with a clay loam subsoil. Our wines are made from domain grown fruit in Curlewis, Bellarine Peninsula Geelong at a Latitude – 38.163354 and Longitude 144.542334. Our philosophy of viticulture and winemaking is to best represent our geology, climate and the grape growing season of that year respectfully, consistently and honestly. All stages of fruit development, such as pruning and canopy management, are overseen by Simon and Peter to retain the integrity of the vineyard and season, and nurture each wine's personality. We work on the simple principles that wines begin in the soil. Each year we work on assessing and managing requirements of soil, vine health, rainfall and protection from sun and wind to ensure an approach to grow the best fruit possible.

WINEMAKING

The Shiraz grapes are handpicked and destemmed to small open fermenters using wild yeast for 7-10 days peaking at 28 degrees. Pressed off at dryness to new, first, second and third fill French Oak barriques (sourced from Tronçais and Allier forests) and matured for 14 months and bottled in June 2017.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season was not without its challenges, given we experienced one of the hottest and driest summers ever. While this translated to slightly lower yields the fruit quality and flavour will see this noted as an excellent year. A short harvest given extensive ripening with the Pinot Gris being harvested first in early March and the Sauvignon Blanc and Shiraz harvested mid to late March respectively. Overall an exciting vintage producing wines of excellent depth and quality.

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This cool climate red delivers medium body weight with stunning plum, spice and blackcurrant flavours. A medium bodied and elegant wine, pair with a succulent barbeque steak for an elevated wine and food experience.

ALCOHOL

14%

WINEMAKER

Robin Brockett and Marcus Holt