

'The Malcolm' Shiraz 2012



GRAPE VARIETIES:

100% Shiraz

REGION: Barossa Valley

ALCOHOL: 15.0 % Vol

ACIDITY: 6.3 g/lit

pH: 3.52

AGEING POTENTIAL:

The use of premium quality grapes and skilful oak treatment ensures that this is a wine with a very long future. We expect this to age until at least 2030 if cellared well.

The first release of 'The Malcolm' Shiraz was the 1994 vintage and it quickly became a legendary wine with the follow on 1995 and 1996 releases, spawning a host of 'over the top' powerful, rich Shiraz wines. Our goal was to push the boundaries of Shiraz - to pick ultra-ripe and then age in new oak, bottling unfiltered and unfiltered. Importantly the final wine, although hugely powerful, was superbly balanced.

The 2012 Malcolm was made using fruit from six rows in a low yielding vineyard in the Western Ridge sub region of the Barossa Valley. The vines were cluster thinned for maximum flavour intensity and the fruit was left to hang longer than is typical for fruit used in other Magpie Estate wines. After fermentation, the wine was aged for 10 months in new American oak puncheons, and then racked into new French oak puncheons for the final 15 months of maturation. At blending we added the best barrel of the vintage from all our other Shiraz, and this has given the wine extra depth.

Very black in the glass. The nose offers up super ripe fruit aromas of black cherry, cassis and plum, alongside toasty mocha oak, meat, liquorice and spice. Rich and textured with a velvety palate. This is a rich and powerful, hedonistic Barossa Shiraz with great complexity and super-ripe tannins. The 2012 is in the vein of the slightly more elegant style of recent releases. This is still very rich, and ripe Shiraz, and shows the depth of fruit and power of the 2012 vintage, but not in an over the top way. Voluptuous and drinkable now, although the wine obviously has many years ahead of it.

The Malcolm Shiraz is only released in the finest vintages to ensure the quality standard is maintained, and the reputation for capturing the true essence of Barossa Shiraz upheld.

135 dozen produced.

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