

## 'The Malcolm' Shiraz 2017



### GRAPE VARIETIES:

100% Shiraz

**REGION:** Barossa Valley

**ALCOHOL:** 15.9 % Vol

**ACIDITY:** 6.90 g/lit

**pH:** 3.55

### 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 well until at least 2037 if cellared correctly. .

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. Our goal has always been to push the boundaries of Shiraz - to pick ultra-ripe and then age in all new oak for longer than typical maturation. Importantly the final wine, although considered powerful and full-bodied, must be complex and superbly well balanced.

The 2017 Malcolm is quite unique in that it is the first wine made using only the highest quality fruit from our recently acquired, first estate vineyard, the Smalltown vineyard, in the prized Ebenezer sub-region of northern Barossa Valley.

The vines are dry grown and cluster thinned for maximum flavour intensity and the bunches were left to hang longer than is typical for fruit used in other Magpie Estate wines. After fermentation, the wine was aged for 15 months in new French oak puncheons, and then racked into new American oak puncheons for the final 15 months of maturation.

Very rich, dark cherry red in the glass. The nose offers up intense fruit aromas of black cherry and plum, alongside toasty mocha oak, liquorice and spice. Rich and textured with a velvety palate. This is an intensely flavoured Barossa Shiraz with great complexity and tannins that give the wine great length. The 2017 is quite an elegant style, still a very rich Shiraz, showing the depth of the prior 2012 release, but more fruit forward and extremely well balanced. Voluptuous and drinkable now with good aeration, although the wine clearly has many years ahead of it.

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

110 dozen produced.

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