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“The one Grand Cru of the state.” – James Halliday



2018 SPARKLING SHIRAZ

Crafted from Clare Valley fruit and in only the best vintages, Stephen George's take on this cult style is, without question, one of the titans of the genre. Fruit has been sourced from revered Wendouree vineyards in the Clare Valley, with dry grown plantings dating back to 1919.

GROWING SEASON

Lower than average rainfall resulted in a long dry growing season for the Clare Valley in 2018. However the old, unirrigated vines of Wendouree thrived and produced fruit of immense quality. With disease pressure low, fruit was able to ripen to full maturity resulting in a deeply flavoured and complex wine.

BOUQUET

A deeply complex nose leaps out of the glass with red fruits, baking spice and a hint of Kalamata olive.

PALATE

The vibrant palate starts with dark plum notes and shaved saucisson, then finishes with a lick of sweet fruit and a touch of leather.

FOOD MATCH

Traditional duck Confit.

VINIFICATION

Open fermented and hand plunged, the dry shiraz base wine was aged in old, large format oak for four years. After blending, the wine was tiraged and refermented in bottle via méthode traditionnelle and disgorged after one year.

CELLARING

Drink on release and up to 2037.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

ALC 14.5%

*Enjoy,
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Winemaker*

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