

THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



'THE QUICKENING'

SHIRAZ 2019

Barossa, Australia

Technical Notes

Joel Mattschoss' Eden Valley vineyard provides the majority of the fruit for this wine. This spectacular vineyard is planted on some of the most difficult, meagre soils of any we have seen. At 500m above sea level and littered with boulders composed of ironstone and pink quartz, it is a truly challenging site. The vineyards are trellised, cordon trained and spur pruned, the yields small at 2t per acre. The 3 component parts of this wine are made in a low interventionist manner using hand picking, wild ferments, 20% whole bunch inclusion and gentle hand plunging twice daily. Once pressed off, the wine is sent to 300 and 500 litre French oak barrels, of which approx 20% is new. Having spent 11 months resting, the wine is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

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About this Wine

This is a very contemporary expression of Barossa Shiraz, reflecting the challenging yet beautiful site from which it hails. Inspired by the pink quartz and the struggle that these vines endure, Giles & Fergal wanted to capture a wine that was full of energy, life and personality. They wanted this wine to focus on the pretty, aromatic fruit profile that the soils and altitude dictate. They influence the end result, gently coaxing it along. Frequent vineyard sampling prior to harvest determines when to pick the fruit on the way up, slightly different percentages of whole bunches from year to year, always the diversity and risk that wild ferments offer us. All in the name of creating a wine that is both delicious and reflective of where it came from. One quite unlike the brooding, thick black Shiraz of the past.



Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/l
pH: 3.62
Residual Sugar: 1 g/l

- ✓ VEGAN FRIENDLY
- ✓ SUSTAINABLE
- ✗ ORGANIC
- ✗ BIODYNAMIC

Vintage Conditions

Right across South Australia, the 2019 vintage will be remembered as a very challenging one. Very dry conditions persisted throughout the growing season while some areas also had to contend with frost, hail and wind – all of which reduced the crop but helped increase concentration and quality.

Scores/Reviews

93 pts James Suckling
92 pts Huon Hooke
(2018 – 93 pts James Halliday, 93 pts Wine Advocate, 92 pts James Suckling)

Tasting Note

A deliciously vibrant style of Barossa Shiraz with succulent raspberry and blackcurrant fruit, hints of spice and elegant, glossy texture. The cooler microclimate of Eden Valley brings forth some high toned aromatics and wonderful palate length. Deliciously smooth, silky tannins at the finish.

