

THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



WHERE EAGLE'S DARE SHIRAZ 2019

Eden Valley, South Australia

Technical Notes

Our fruit is sourced from one low yielding block in Joel Mattschoss' Mengler's Hill vineyard. The fruit is hand-picked and transferred to the winery. 20% of the total weight is placed in whole bunches in a concrete egg while the balance is crushed and placed on top. A spontaneous fermentation with no physical extraction aims to capture the rugged beauty of the vineyard while preserving the energy and vitality that are the hallmarks of our style. A brief post fermentation maceration is followed by pressing and transfer to 300 litre French hogsheads, of which 50% are new. 12 months later, the wine is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

About this Wine

Perched high above the Barossa, the Eden Valley can be a precarious but highly rewarding place in which to grow grapes. This single vineyard, at 550m above sea level is hauntingly beautiful. Home to the majestic wedgetail eagle, the soils composed of pink quartz and ironstone, provide a formidable substrate in which the vines takes a tenuous hold.

Intense, tightly coiled and vital, this wine is like a great orator. Every component measured and well timed, the tone lifts and falls, all the while building emotion and resonance. Tension and excitement builds and leads through to a memorable finish. Oh, and it tastes amazing!

Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 14.5%

Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l

pH: 3.35

Residual Sugar: 1 g/l

Unfinned & Unfiltered

- ✓ 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.

Tasting Note

Josh Raynold – “Deep, violet color. Powerful, spice-accented cassis, cherry-cola and fruitcake aromas are sharpened by a smoky mineral element. Succulent black and blue fruit flavors show very good depth as well as energy and pick up vanilla and violet pastille accents with air. Supple and broad on the clinging, subtly tannic finish, which leaves repeating dark berry and floral notes behind.”

Press/Reviews

94 points - The Wine Front

94 points – Vinous (Josh Raynold)

93 points - Wine Advocate

