

THISTLEDOWN WINE COMPANY



‘THE QUICKENING’ SHIRAZ 2021

Barossa, Australia

Technical Notes

JoelMattschoss’ 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 are small, at 2t/acre. This wine is all about great fruit, picked at the right time. Frequent vineyard walks determines exactly the right time - the fruit full of energy. 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 ensuring that this wine is full of bright, fleshy fruit with great texture and spice. 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.

About this Wine

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Wine Analysis

Alcohol: 14.5%
Total Acidity: 5.68 g/l
pH: 3.69
Residual Sugar: 1 g/l
SO2: 67 mg/l

✓ **VEGAN FRIENDLY**
✓ **SUSTAINABLE**
✗ **ORGANIC**
✗ **BIODYNAMIC**

Vintage Conditions

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Scores/Reviews

“Very bright shiraz with berry intensity, together with aromas and flavors crushed stones, asphalt and stone. Full and compact, with transparency and freshness. Red volcanic salt at the end. Drink or hold. Screw cap.”

- James Suckling, **93 points**

92 pts Wine Advocate
91 pts Wine & Spirits
90 pts Wine Enthusiast
89 pts Vinous

