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TAPANAPPA ADELAIDE HILLS 2020 SHIRAZ

Only 300 dozen
Grown and made

The Shining Rock Vineyard is near Mount Barker on the eastern edge of the Adelaide Hills. It was planted with Shiraz in 1996 on sandy loam soils over micaceous schist, with a very similar terroir to the home of Shiraz in the Northern Rhone.

The Taste of the Wine

2020 Tapanappa Shining Rock Shiraz is a true expression of cool climate Shiraz.

Powerfully fresh and vibrant, the aroma is of blackberry puree edged with exotic Chinese spices, a unique varietal expression. Subtle star anise and polished leather add complexity to the aroma.

The flavour is instantly of fresh berry fruit with a sweet core but a savoury finish and a determined tannin.

These are the aromas and flavours of Shiraz grown in a cool and highly suited terroir.

Vintage Notes

The average heat summation for the northern Rhone is about 1500C-days and at Mount Barker it is 1588C-days.

2020 ended up being a cooler than average growing season at 1528C-days after a fiery start. The story of the sudden positive shift of SAM causing cooler conditions in January 2020, can be found in the Tapanappa 2020 vintage report.

There were soil replenishing rains in January and February and 2020 vintage will be remembered as the first cooler vintage after mostly warmer vintages from 2006 to 2019. 2020 rates as excellent on the scale of vintage quality.

On the 26th of March, the Provis (Clare) selection of Shiraz was hand harvested and delivered to the Tapanappa winery in the Piccadilly Valley.

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Winemaking Notes

The Shining Rock Provis Shiraz was destemmed, crushed, and chilled to 0.8 tonne fermenters. A cold soak, beginning at 2C, and lasting for three days preceded the beginning of fermentation with Tapanappa's own yeast culture. The fermentation tubs were hand plunged daily until the fermentation finished after a further 14 days.

A post fermentation maceration for 4 days on skins preceded the wine being pressed straight to French oak barriques, 30% of which were new.

After 19 months in oak barriques the 2020 Tapanappa Shining Rock Shiraz was clear racked from barrique and bottled in February 2022.

Alcohol 15 %

Winemaker BRIAN CROSER