

ALPHA CRUCIS
McLaren Vale, Australia
Star wines from our star vineyards.



TASTING NOTES

Variety: Shiraz
Vintage: 2012

Vineyards

Handpicked from the Chalk Hill 'Winery Old' vineyard. This super premium vineyard is one of our most consistent high performing blocks, first planted back in 1969. In 2012 it was one of the first parcel of Shiraz picked from our vineyards and was in excellent balance from a young age.

Colour:

Dense purple with red hues.

Aromatics:

Brooding dark berries with plum and spice notes. Hint of bitter dark chocolate.

Palate:

Dark berries, saturated plums, layers of spice and dark chocolate combine on the palate, Dense and concentrated with a long fine finish. Decant on opening in the first 5 years.

Cellaring:

Will reward cellaring for up to 10 years or more in correct conditions.

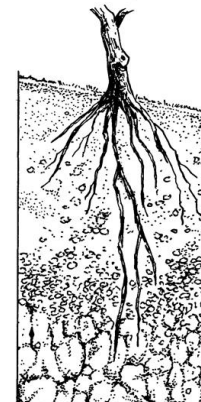


WINEMAKERS NOTES

After processing this fruit had 3 days to cold soak, ensuring the full flavour and colour extraction. It then was fermented in an open fermenter for 12 days being carefully handled throughout this time, before being gently pressed. After pressing it was matured in French oak barrels of which 80% were new. Half of the barrels were puncheons and half were hogsheads. Bottled in July 2013.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 15%
pH: 3.64
Total Acidity: 5.9g/l



Soil type:

Deep red sandy loams

Soil depth:

90cm

Geological formation:

Pirramimma sandstone – yellow and buff sandstone, pebbly sandstone and clay.