

Clairault

2017 CLAIRAULT CELLAR RELEASE WHOLE BUNCH SHIRAZ

Winemaking: Fruit was hand-picked in the early hours of the morning and processed with 50% as whole-cluster on the bottom of the fermenters, and the other 50% destemmed as whole berries on top. The fruit was open-fermented and punched down three times a day for 8 days. The still fermenting wine was then gently separated from the skins and allowed to finish ferment in old Burgundian-style oak barrels. The wine was then aged in oak for 7 months with battonage every four weeks, after which it was blended to tank, clarified and bottled.

Vineyards: Bridgeland

Blend: 100% Shiraz

Aroma: Blossoms, potpourri, white pepper corns and lifted red fruits.

Palate: Pure palate of bright red fruits, tensile acidity and crunchy cherry skin tannin laced with stalky spice and dark chocolate. Finishes fresh and pristine with a blossom and spice medley as an afterthought.

Cellaring: Up to 8 years, however we enjoy it for freshness now.

Alcohol: 13%

