

RHYTHM & RHYME

2020 SHIRAZ

SOUTH AUSTRALIA



The grapes for this wine were sourced from the meticulously attended Angove family vineyards and other premium Riverland growers. Soils are predominantly red sandy loam over limestone, on gently undulating east west ridges.

2020 was a challenging vintage on many fronts. Frosts were followed by windy conditions during flowering and then a hailstorm that ripped through the region causing significant damage in early November just as the vines were hitting their prime ripening period. Thankfully, our Vineyard was spared much of the destruction that occurred elsewhere but yields were still significantly down. Stable, dry conditions occurred from December onwards keeping disease pressure under control and with good canopy management the vines were able to ripen their precious cargo to perfection with harvest beginning in late February and continuing to early March. Whilst yields were significantly down, 2020 will be remembered as a vintage of extremely good quality.

WINEMAKING

The grapes for this wine were picked at night to make sure that they were as cool as possible. Crushed to modern rotary fermenters the grapes were then allowed to macerate for 2 days before inoculation and fermentation. Pressed off skins about 1 week later and allowed to go through the second malolactic fermentation. The wine has then had minimal handling prior to filtration for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

COLOUR Deep red with some purple hues.

AROMA Enticing varietal fruit driven aromas of spicy cherry and

plum with some herbal notes.

FLAVOUR On the palate cherry and plum fruits, some spice and a hint

of oak with good length and fine, soft tannins

CELLAR POTENTIAL 3 years

HAVE IT WITH ...

This wine is perfectly suited to a slow cooked mildly spicy beef and vegetable curry.

