

CHAIN OF PONDS



Ledge 2016 Shiraz Adelaide Hills (Kuitpo)

VINEYARD

Selected from the Kenwood Bank vineyard at Kuitpo in the southern Adelaide Hills, an Easterly Facing Aspect with East-West row orientation and an elevation of 360m. Soil is a sandy loam over siltstone and bedrock, Clone is 1654 and the canopy is managed with vertical shoot positioning. Row and vine selection were performed prior to harvest and selective harvesting was employed in order to show only the best fruit in this wine. Vines on shallow soil with decreased shoot density and lighter crop levels were selected for increased fruit concentration

WINERY

Harvested at optimal maturity the grapes were destemmed and crushed into small open fermenters, cool soaked for 2 x days before beginning fermentation with 1 x plunge per day. During fermentation the must was pumped over 2 times daily for peak ferment then plunged twice daily for the last 4 days of the 10 days spent on skins. The free run and pressings were separated and drained directly to barrels to complete primary ferment in oak followed by Malolactic fermentation. Aged and matured on lees in 100% French oak Hogs Heads for 18 months prior to bottling.

COLOUR

Deep plum with a purple plum hue

BOUQUET

The aroma shows ripe plums, blackcurrants, raspberry coulis and hints of savoury oak spice with mild black pepper notes. Underlying dried herbs and a hint of vanilla give complexity and interest to the wine.

PALATE

Intensely bright and voluptuous fruit up front displaying blackcurrant, blackberries and raspberries seamlessly integrates with a savoury oak spice and mild black pepper note. Balanced bright natural acidity is lively, in combination with the fine grained firm tannins gives exceptional structure with great ageing potential. Brilliant intensity of fruit with persistence and length of both fruit and savoury flavours without being overpowering.

CELLARING

5-10 years.

MATCH

Eye fillet of beef, celeriac purée, roast beetroot, asparagus.

WINE ANALYSIS

Winemaker: Greg Clack
100% Shiraz
Bottled: October 2017
Alcohol: 14.6%

Acid: 6.7 g/L
pH: 3.29
Residual Sugar: 2.8g/L
Sulphur: 119 mg/L