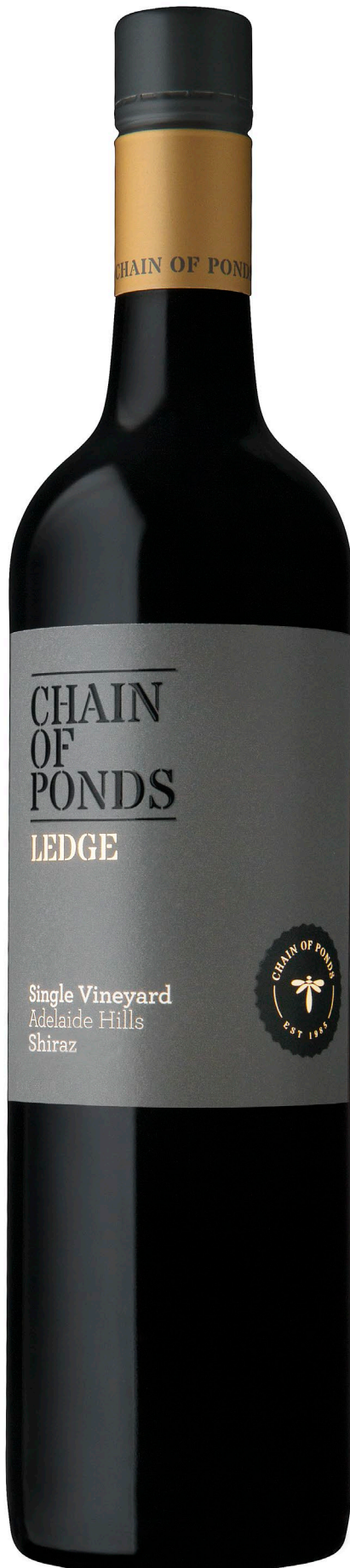


CHAIN OF PONDS



Ledge

2017 Shiraz

Adelaide Hills (Forreston)

VINEYARD

Selected from the Smeaton Vineyard in Forreston in the Northern Adelaide Hills, an Northerly Facing Aspect with North-South row orientation and an elevation of 360m. Soil is a sandy loam over siltstone, Clone is 1654 and the canopy is managed with vertical shoot positioning. The block produces elegant wines with plum and black fruits with a supporting spice, velvety tannins and varietal intensity while the cooler 2017 vintage gave slightly higher violet characters than normally would be observed.

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, black olive, dried bouquet garnis and hints of savoury oak spice with mild black pepper notes.

PALATE

Intensely bright and voluptuous fruit up front displaying blackcurrant, blackberries and dried herbs. Fruit flows through the palate and integrates with savoury oak spice with hints of lightly charred oak. Balanced bright natural acidity is lively, in combination with the powdery 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: August 2018
Alcohol: 13.2%

Acid: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.47
Residual Sugar: 0.3g/L
Sulphur: 100 mg/L