

Time and Money | Small inky parcels, treated with care, tucked away; two friends united in soil, water, and sky, now yours to share!

Colour: Deep Ruby

Aroma: Plum, blackberry, cranberry, and crunchy red fruits. Spice of cinnamon, black pepper, and toasty vanilla.

Palate: Ripe red berry fruits and rose petals combine with complex French and American oak tannins to deliver balanced fine tannins and a lasting finish.

Grape Variety: Shiraz 51% | Mataro 49%

Cellar: Cellar up to 2030

Wine Analysis: ABV: 14.7% | pH: 3.65 | TA: 5.8 | RS: 1.0 g/L

Free S02: 27ppm | Total S02: 81ppm

Dry ★★★★★

Fruit ★★★☆☆

Body ★★★★☆

Acid ★★★☆☆

Tannin ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆

2018
The Agonist Shiraz Mataro
Riverland



Winemaking

The growing season in 2018 was optimal for growing fruit in the Riverland with warm dry days and cool nights. The Shiraz was harvested on the March 6th and followed by the Mataro on March 16th.

Each parcel was fermented separately with a combination of 4-6 pump overs each day controlling temperature and maximizing extraction of colour, flavour and tannins. Malolactic fermentation began towards the end of ferment, once dry each ferment parcel sat on skins for a few days before pressing off. The wine then spent time in new French and American puncheons for 12 months prior to bottling in September 2019

Vintage

The 2018 vintage experienced exceptional weather with little rainfall and warm days and cool mornings across all our vineyards. As a result, we experienced little disease pressure and optimal growing conditions which allowed the vines to provide us with lovely clean, ripe fruit.

History

The fruit for our 2018 Shiraz Mataro was sourced from a single vinyard in Loxton North vineyard from old vines planted in the early 1980's and grown in red sandy loam soils.

The block recently has undergone redevelopment over the past few years. A new irrigation system was put in in 2014 and many varieties re-trellised and retrained to ensure the future of this vineyard and in return providing complex and balanced fruit.

Certified Organic Vegan Friendly Single Vineyard