

Cumulus

2008 CUMULUS SHIRAZ

This is the very best Shiraz made from our single vineyard 'Cumulus' in high-altitude Orange, Australia. The wine is hand crafted in exceptional vintages. Made in small lots, it reflects both our belief in our cool-climate vineyard and the passion of the winemaking team.

WINE

This wine offers rich and intense fruit power with a classic structure. Dark cherry, licorice and spices overlay a refined, cool-climate Shiraz backbone. Matured in oak barriques, the wine has great depth and finishes with warm, lingering exotic spices. This Shiraz will reward careful cellaring for fifteen years.

Region - Orange, NSW

Alcohol - 14%

VINTAGE

After a very dry winter, ample rains fell in late Spring providing welcome moisture for the vines. The summer temperatures were the coolest for many years producing exquisitely flavoured whites. Warm weather arrived at the end of vintage with two weeks of 30° days.

VINEYARD

The Shiraz fruit is 100% estate grown and picked from Block 23 which sits at 605 metres above sea level. The soils are deep red-brown clay loam with quartz and shale material found throughout. The vigorous Shiraz vines are both shoot and bunch thinned to achieve a balanced canopy and fruit load. The Lazy Ballerina trellising system allows a little more sunlight through to the grapes, than a typical VSP, to assist in the development of finer tannins prior to veraison.

Trellis - Lazy Ballerina

Clone - BVRC 30 Shiraz clone

Cropping - 7 tonnes to the hectare

Harvest - 15th March, 2008

WINEMAKING

The Shiraz grapes were picked and brought into the winery in the cool of the morning and crushed for fermentation. Fermentation took place in two small vats with the juice gently pumped over twice daily. A small portion of the juice was run-off at cap rise on day two of fermentation which lasted for a further eight days. The clear wine was racked then transferred into a combination of French and American oak barriques for a period of 12 months. Upon maturation the barrels were individually selected and blended to craft the final wine.

WINEMAKER

Debbie Lauritz

