



Noon Winery

2021

SHIRAZ

Langhorne Creek - Australia



NATURAL



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 100% Shiraz

Vineyard: Borrett Farm: 20 Rows & Outback Blocks

Vine Age: 60-years-old

Soil Type: Deep, alluvial clay-loam

Viticulture: Sustainable (no herbicides or pesticides) – dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native – open-top 35hL French oak vats

Skin Contact: 14 days

Aging: 18 months in 300L French tonneau (33% new)

Alcohol: 15.6%

Residual Sugar: 99 ppm

pH: 3.70

Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L

Total Production: 1017 cases

Reviews

Vinous | 95 points

About

Grapes for the Reserve Shiraz have been sourced from the same vineyard (the 1.6 hectare '20 Rows' block in Langhorne Creek owned by the Borrett family) since the first Reserve Shiraz in 1997. The 20 Rows Shiraz block was planted in 1962 on the Langhorne Creek flood plain. This is a special and unique site which has been producing wine this way since the mid 1800's. The vineyard area of Langhorne Creek today has expanded well outside the original flood plain and the growing conditions in the new vineyards are quite different. One could make a good argument for the appellation Langhorne Creek to be used exclusively for the historic flood plain land. The '20 Rows' vines are quite low yielding for the area at around 3-4 tons/acre. They are growing on their own roots as the region is free of phylloxera. The soil in this vineyard is a deep alluvial clay loam with an almost shimmering quality about it which produces small, black-colored and perfectly formed Shiraz berries, packed with flavor. Following two years of small crops, 2021 was the vintage they had been hoping for with better yields combined with really good quality.

The bunches were hand-harvested and mostly destemmed. The fruit was fermented in upright large, French oak vats with frequent manual hand plunging for extraction of color and tannins. The juice remains on the skins until the wine goes fully dry, which was roughly two weeks. The wine was then gently basket pressed with on the free run juice used to one-third new and two-thirds three to ten-year-old 300L French tonneau for aging. The wine was lightly sulfured in the following summer and after a total of 18 months aging it was racked to tank where it settled naturally. The wine was bottled without fining or filtration and just a small addition of sulfur.

Tasting Note

This 2021 release is fresher and tighter than the last two wines from hotter, drier years. There is a lovely balance here of vibrant flavor and svelte elegance. It tastes alive and full of energy.