

BEN  
MURRAY  
WINES



**TASTING NOTE**  
**2020 RESERVE**  
**SHIRAZ**

**The 2020 Ben Murray Wines, single vineyard Old Vine Reserve Shiraz is sourced from a vineyard widely regarded as a superior site the Barossa Valley.**

Fruit sourced from the Marananga Vineyards of the Neldner Family, widely regarded as ultra-premium grape growers, and longtime family friends of winemaker Dan Eggleton is used to make this exhibition of concentrated and balanced Marananga Shiraz.

From dry grown hand tended vines in this century plus aged vineyard, the fruit was gently harvested at optimum flavour ripeness.

The fruit was then processed with destemming only, no crushing, and 20% of the stalks returned to the fruit to co-ferment.

Using only the indigenous yeast from the vineyard, the fruit was allowed to cold soak for several days prior to fermentation taking full hold. Gently cap plunged daily over a 30 day period, the colour, flavour and structure was gently coaxed from the fruit. At the end of primary fermentation, the must was allowed to remain with the juice for another 30 + days allowing full polymerisation of the tannins and complex structures.

The ferment was then basket pressed including all pressings to French Oak barrels for maturation over 2 years.

Minimal racking and diligent topping management results in a plush and complex wine, of great structure and balance. Bottled at its optimum, this wine has been resting prior to release for over 12 months.

Colour: Deep black and garnets

Nose: Opulent layers of black fruits over spicy oak, the mix of earthy tones entwined with balanced oak and bright fruit grows as the wine opens up. Aromas of warm sweet leather, just cooked plum jam, cinnamon and savory meats abound.

Palate: A complex structure with layers of rich mouthfilling plums and cherries, hints of Kirsch, balanced firm tannins and a long ripe and elegant finish.

Alc. 14.5

PH. 3.75.

Acidity 5.95

Dan Eggleton Winemaker