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2020 Element of Sandalford Shiraz Cabernet

Tasting Notes

Varietal Breakdown
Shiraz & Cabernet Sauvignon

Region
Western Australia

Vintage

2020 was a vintage like no other. Eventually classed as an essential service, we were able to get through harvest without a lockdown occurring.

With mild winter conditions leading into a warmer than average Spring becoming hot in late December, there was early bud burst and grape development across all varieties. This year saw no disease pressure in the vineyard, all grapes were harvested with an optimum balance of sugar and flavours. The resulting wines showing wonderful varietal characters.

Winemakers Comments

After harvest, the grapes were destemmed and crushed into static fermenters. Pump overs were used for cap management and the extraction of colour, tannins and flavour during ferment. Near the end of fermentation, the wine was drained and pressed, with the pressings combined with the free run wine. The wine was then inoculated with a known MLF strain. Post MLF, the wine was left to age, before blending and bottling.

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Colour: Cherry red.
Nose: Bright juicy berries, especially blueberries and blackberries with hints of white pepper.
Palate: This is a fruity wine full of juicy berries. Plum notes are sneaking through from the Cabernet and underneath are the savoury spices. This wine is medium bodied with light, silky tannins. A wine to enjoy within the next few years.

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 14.5% pH 3.45 TA 7.05g/L

This wine is vegetarian friendly

