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With our 19th vintage completed and as we put our wines to barrel, I feel very grateful for what we have been given. Even though this vintage was weeks earlier than average it was certainly one of the easier ones to manage with well-behaved ferments and early malolactic. A good sign for quality.

Shiraz yields suffered from cooler conditions around fruit set, giving looser, lighter bunches. Our final volumes are lower by 20-30%. Strong colours and mild alcohols remind me of our 2018 wines, no doubt needing some time to flesh in barrel.

Grenache and Mataro yields were patchy but gave us aromatically very pretty wines; at this early stage reminiscent of the 18s and 22s.

A special mention should go to the white wines which have incredible acidity and flavour all due to a mild growing season. We will see this shine in our Les Blancs!

The 5-day heatwave in the second weekend of March may have been a slight speed hump but we waited for the dust (and chemistry) to settle and were rewarded. The old vine Eden Valley Shiraz parcels are already particularly opulent and flashy wines. I am confident all parcels have hit their grade.



