



KING VALLEY WINEMAKERS

## Pizzini Rubacuori Sangiovese 2018

*Tier 5 – Pinnacle – Handcrafted wines resulting from 30 years of making Italian varieties in the King Valley.*

*Story - Rubacuori is Italian for Heart Breaker. Label art - Katrina Pizzini. 1970. A time for first cars, new freedoms, fresh optimism, big opportunities.*

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal Percentage: 100% Sangiovese  
Yield: 40 Hl/Ha

Picked: April 2018  
Average Brix: 25

Area Harvested: 0.5 Ha

### VINTAGE 2018

The 2018 growing season provided many challenges including some extreme weather events such as rain, humidity, windstorms and heatwaves. The King Valley had 80mm of rain in November providing some deep watering for the vines, which held them in good stead with the extreme temperatures encountered throughout December and January. Throughout February, the King Valley had some classical ripening conditions with high 20 to low 30 degree-days followed by the beautiful cool nights and the cooling King Valley breeze that runs through our vineyards. Yields will be average this year, which bears well for some top quality grapes and some intense, flavoursome wines.

### VINIFICATION

Selected from our most exceptional, most mature, sites. The grapes for this wine have been hand selected from a small section within one of our leading blocks of Sangiovese. The vines within this area consistently produce grapes with rich flavour and concentration. The grapes are handpicked and then crushed and de-stemmed to an oak barrel fermenter to undergo fermentation. A yeast strain selected from Brunello di Montalcino was used to ferment the wine, which helps to give the wine more body and mouth feel. The use of oak barrel fermentation gives structure to the back palate and helps to stabilise colour and tannins. After fermentation the wine is then drained to French oak barrels where it matures for 24 months. The wine is bottled and aged a further 2 years prior to release.

### MATURATION

Type of Oak (%): 100% Gamba Trancais  
Oak Age: 100% old oak  
Filtration: Clarifying only

Oak Toasting: 100% Medium

### THE WINE

The wine has a deep brick red colour with a garnet hue. Aromas of dark black fruit are complimented by spices, star anise, leather, sweet fruit and oak complex. As the wine opens up there are notes of five spice, vanilla, blackberry, coffee and orange myrtle. The palate is rich and powerful with great length and rich, ripe fruit flavours of plums, cherries and prunes with lovely chalky tannins and a vibrant juicy acidity. Enjoy this with BBQ rib eye on the bone and a rich red wine jus.

### FINAL ANALYSIS

Final Alcohol: 13.8% Alc/Vol  
Bottled: November 2019

Final Acid: 6.3g/L  
Released: November 2022  
Final pH: 3.55



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