PONTING

2017 '366'
Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon

Story

Ponting "366" is our Icon wine. It wears Ricky Ponting's Test player number, 366, with the same pride as the Australian captain. It also pays homage to past blending masters that were hugely influential when Ben Riggs began in the wine industry. Bespoke in style this wine is personally tailored to represent the best of both Shiraz and Cabernet. A great wine, like a great career come together slowly over time, every year better that the last

Vineyards

The 2017 Ponting "366" is an interregional blend of two great vineyards; Ben's own Piebald Gully Vineyard in McLaren Vale and Weatherall Vineyards in Coonawarrra.
Piebald Gully is situated in the coolest sub-region of McLaren Vale, Clarendon, bordering the Adelaide Hills. Planted in deep sand over clay, the vineyard is late ripening and virtually dry grown, producing an elegant and refined style of Shiraz. The Weatherall Vineyards site is located in the northern end of the region and is traditionally some of the earlier ripening blocks with low yields and excellent concentration. Generally, this area is flat: its maximum elevation just 58 meters above sea level. The variation, however, lies in the different soil depths ranging from red-brown clay loam to brown sand loam, all over limestone, producing some of Australia's best Cabernet Sauvignon..

Wine

Components of the 2017 Ponting "366" were fermented in traditional open fermenters, and following pressing, finished their fermentation in oak; approximately 80% was French and the balance American, 35% of which was new oak. Vineyard parcels were kept separate during fermentation and maturation and were blended three months prior to bottling. With a full two years in barrel the wine was then bottle aged and released when near its prime. The wine is fine, elegant, stylish and structured akin to what was once known as "claret".
Enjoy now, or cellar for another 10 years.

Technical Details

Alc: 12.8%
pH: 3.13
TA: 7.9 g/L

85% Shiraz 15% Cabernet
90% McLaren Vale 10% Coonawarra