



UNEARTH COONAWARRA'S HIDDEN GEM



2019 BLOCKERS SHIRAZ

Brand's Laira is an iconic winery, nestled in the heart of the famed "terra rossa" strip of the Coonawarra region in South Australia. Steeped in heritage, our Laira Vineyard was planted back in 1893 and is one of the oldest working blocks in the region. Brand's Laira offers a range of elegant yet richly flavoured premium wines from this distinct region.

Our founder Eric Brand was one of the original 'Blockers' a term used to describe the landholders who sold their grapes to larger wineries in the 1950's and 1960's. The wines have developed a reputation for expressing bold Coonawarra fruit flavours and delivering a powerful, yet elegant style.

REGION

97% Coonawarra, 3% Wrattenbully, SA

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

Growing season conditions were mild; December and January saw a few short hot spells with mostly warm sunny days and cool nights. The 2019 vintage start was in line with long-term average but was one of the longest in recent memory, starting in February and finishing in May. Whites have fantastic natural acidity and varietal flavours, and the reds have deep vibrant colours, classic varietal flavours and soft ripe tannins.

WINEMAKING & MATURATION

The wine was fermented on skins for 7 days in stainless steel static and rotary fermenters then pressed off skins while still slightly sweet and pumped to used French, American and Hungarian oak barrels. On completion of primary and malolactic fermentation in oak the wine was racked off its lees, the barrels cleaned and the wine pumped back to the same barrels for 18 months maturation before final blending.

COLOUR

Deep crimson red.

NOSE/AROMA

Vibrant dark plum and Blackberry fruit aromas accompanied by subtle cedar and vanilla oak notes.

PALATE

The palate is round, juicy and plush displaying blood plum and blackberry fruits and subtle spicy anise flavours. Oak maturation contributes well integrated sweet vanilla and cedar oak characters. The palate fishes long with fine grained tannins and lingering fruit flavours.

ANALYSIS

Alc/Vol 14.5% **T.A** 6.7g/L **pH** 3.42

PEAK DRINKING

Drinking well now and with careful cellaring will reward up to 8-10 years of age.

SERVING SUGGESTION

uitable for more hearty meals such as slow cooked beef brisket or a Greek Moussaka.