

Tasting Notes



The Cutlass

2022 SHIRAZ

THE WINE

Generous yet sinuous, the 2021 Riposte 'The Cutlass' Shiraz shows perfumed pepper spice complimenting rich dark plum and blue fruits.

A long, complex palate resolves in a lingering finish of fine grained tannin and spicy oak tones.

VITICULTURE

The grapes for this wine are from the vineyard of Carmine and Marina Pepicelli, near Lobethal in the Adelaide Hills. At 480 metres this is one of the highest Shiraz vineyards in the region. It is located on a gentle north facing slope giving an ideal aspect with maximum sunlight exposure.

WINEMAKING

In a quest for complexity, the grapes were fermented in two batches. One featured 50% whole bunches with normally crushed fruit as the balance while the other contained 50% whole berries. This produced wine of two different styles one, well-structured with an attractive carbonic 'lift' and the other rich, soft and textured. They were matured separately in French oak barriques (35% new). After rigorous barrel selection the wine was blended and bottled in March 2023.

SPECIFICATIONS

VARIETY	100% Shiraz
PICKING DATE	9th April 2022
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION	100% Adelaide Hills, South Australia
ALCOHOL	14%
BOTTLED DATE	March 2023
CELLARING POTENTIAL	7 years

