

Tasting Notes



The Cutlass

2021 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 a single vineyard north east of the town of Lobethal in the Adelaide Hills.

A gentle northerly exposure ensures maximum fruit exposure to sunlight, producing rich ripe flavours and deep vibrant colour.

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 2022.

SPECIFICATIONS

VARIETY	100% Shiraz
PICKING DATE	9th April 2021
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION	100% Adelaide Hills, South Australia
ALCOHOL	14%
BOTTLED DATE	March 2022
CELLARING POTENTIAL	7 years



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