

2017 OFFSHOOT RED BLEND



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This Red Blend is 55% Merlot with the remaining 45% consisting of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tempranillo, Shiraz and Pinot Noir

TASTING NOTES

- Soil:** deep hillside red/brown terra rossa of limestone parentage
- Oak:** matured in French oak of various ages
- Colour:** dark red with ruby highlights
- Nose:** rose petals with ripe raspberry, hints of mixed red fruits and undertones of tar and spice
- Palate:** a burst of generous fleshy red berry fruits with summer pudding overtones, finishing with firm tannins

VINTAGE

The 2016-2017 season commenced with budburst in early September with a great start following good winter rainfall which filled the soil profile. Spring was warm and canopies flourished with regular rainfall through this period, with flowering occurring in late October in Chardonnay. Conditions were drier than normal through November but regular rainfall in December helped to size up berries and keep canopies fresh ahead of the pre-harvest period. Early January saw a bout of early rain which was again useful to maintain canopy health and from then on conditions were predominately warm to hot and dry.

WINEMAKING

With six varieties being used for this wine, we had six different picking dates. But with all of these, they are late varieties. Once in the winery they were treated much the same - destemmed and crushed, chilled and then cold soaked in small one tonne lots and allowed to warm up and fermentation started. They were then hand plunged 3 times a day till fermentation was complete, pressed out to stainless and then moved to oak barrels as individual lots. The wine was then bottled in August 2020.

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol: 13
pH: 3.49
T.A: 6.20gm/L
Tasting: 28/08/20

CELLARING

Drink now or over the next five years.



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