

2013
THE GANDER RESERVE SHIRAZ



Vintage Conditions

The 2013 vintage saw very low rainfall in the winter and spring leading up to fruit ripening. This resulted in small berry and bunch formation and the commencement of vintage was earlier than average. The smaller berries produced intense flavours and low juice to skin ratios in reds. The resultant wines have pure varietal flavours with excellent mouth-feel and length.

Vineyard Selection

The Shiraz grapes for this wine are sourced from Block 3 (clone BV30) and Block 4 (clone 1654) within the Schubert Estate vineyard.

Winemaking

The Shiraz grapes are hand-picked, destemmed and fermented (wild yeast) in 5 tonne open top fermenters with twice daily pump-overs to achieve maximum extraction of colour, flavour and tannin. At the completion of fermentation, the wine is basket pressed with free-run and pressings wine combined and filled to a combination of new (50%) one and two-year-old (50%) French oak 225L barriques for a maturation period of 24 months before careful barrel selection and blending. The wine is neither fined, nor filtered.

Technical Notes

Varietal composition:	100% Shiraz
Region (GI):	Estate grown Marananga, Barossa Valley
Winemaker:	Jason Barrette
Alcohol:	15% alc/vol
pH:	3.50
TA:	6.6g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.64g/L
Bottled:	5 July 2015

Tasting Evaluation

Colour: Garnet, with deep dark core with ruby rim.

Aroma: Complex amalgam of blue berry compote, black currant, and blue scented violet florals. With further glass swirling delicate wafts of cocoa, cured bacon and charcuterie come to the fore, complimented with subtle French oak five spice tones complete the stimulation of the senses.

Palate: Upon the first taste the mouth surfaces are swamped with ripe plum, wild raspberry and blueberry flavours, framed with silky tannins that extend the sensuous experience for considerable time. The new oak is present, however interwoven with the lush primary fruit. The wine is amazingly balanced with only fruit flavour being in excess.

Only the 4th vintage of this limited release wine. Although already a 5-year-old, and drinking beautifully at the moment, The Gander Reserve will continue to evolve rewarding the owner with exceptional. drinking over the next 20-25 years.



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