

Ten Minutes by Tractor



2022 Limited Release Merricks Shiraz Viognier

Our Thoughts

Made with fruit from our friends Ruth and George Mihaly's Paradigm Hill vineyard, this wine is beautiful example of a cool climate Shiraz with plum skin, cranberry sauce and savoury cigar box notes on the nose. The Viognier provides a floral lift of violets and rosehip. On the palate, welcome characters of luscious cassis invite you in, with white pepper and spice to finish. The tannins are chewy and give structure and drive to this elegant wine.

A classic combination of Shiraz, co-fermented with a sprinkling of Viognier has once again delivered a versatile and moorish wine.

Vintage Comment

The 2022 season started with a very wet and variable spring, resulting in poor flowering and consequently reduced yields across most sites. However, the dry summer months to follow provided perfect ripening conditions that generated concentration and striking flavours across all varieties

Harvest Date :: Yield

Hand picked 7 April 2022 :: 7.1t/ha

Vineyards

Paradigm Hill

Winemaking

- Handpicked Shiraz fruit and Viognier was destemmed to stainless steel and co-fermented by indigenous yeast
- The grapes were kept on skins for 14 days before being pressed to a mixture of old and new French oak
- The wine was aged in Barriques for 13 months

Aging :: Oak

13 months :: New and old French barriques

Alcohol

12.5 % (7.4 standard drinks/750ml bottle)

Production

20 July 2023 :: screwcap

Food Pairing

Whole roasted quail with cherry balsamic compote:: serve at 16-18°C

Best Drinking

2023-2033

