
One Block
2014 Shiraz 'Yellingbo'
Yarra Valley



Vineyard

Tibooburra Vineyard located in the township of Yellingbo, is considered the central southern sector of the Yarra Valley GI. The vineyard is quite isolated and sits at an elevation of 240m above sea level. The 2014 Shiraz originates from a block that was planted in 2001 on a southwest aspect and comes from the mid-top part of the vineyard where there is a band of deep black soil that is quite different to the deep red soils common to the area. The soil is most likely of volcanic origin. The shiraz vineyard crops very low, naturally 1.6kg per vine, and very late due to the altitude and aspect. The combination of these characteristics allow for long ripening and excellent flavour development.

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Winemaking

Reduced crop levels in 2014 were common and yet we still picked 8 April. The fruit looked good, albeit 40% of the normal crop load. The berries were small with very thick skins and good colour. Hand picked and sorted, mainly destemmed fruit with 30% whole bunches. Gentle pumping over initially with an ambient yeast ferment and 37 days on skins. Hand plunged. Pressed off to a mixture of old oak and one new French 300L barrel. Aged for 14 months with no added sulphur and only 40ppm at bottling. Bottled unfinned & unfiltered July 2015.

Tasting Note

This bright, dense, dark purple coloured 2014 exhibits a brooding nose of spice, dark fruit, cherry stone and ripe plum. Medium bodied with underlying muscle, it is long in the mouth with ripe tannins. It is more noticeably powerful than the 2013 'Yellingbo'. Balanced, complex, and textured, this wine will benefit from a decant and can be enjoyed over the next 10 years.

1333 bottles only.
