

2021 SEPPELT ST PETERS GRAMPIANS SHIRAZ

RELEASED IN SMALL QUANTITIES AND ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL YEARS, ST PETERS IS SEPPELT'S FLAGSHIP SHIRAZ AND TESTIMONY TO THE DISTINCTIVE STYLE AND PEDIGREE OF GRAMPIANS SHIRAZ. THE LINEAGE OF THIS ICONIC WINE DATES BACK TO 1964 WHEN 'GREAT WESTERN HERMITAGE', AS IT WAS THEN KNOWN, WAS FIRST MADE. SINCE 1998, THIS WINE HAS BEEN CALLED ST PETERS IN HONOUR OF THE FIRST VINEYARD PLANTED IN THE REGION.

TODAY, ST PETERS IS SOURCED FROM THE FINEST AND MOST INTENSE FRUIT FROM THE BEST BLOCKS OF OUR GREAT WESTERN VINEYARD. IN VINTAGE 2021, THIS INCLUDED SELECT PARCELS FROM THE BASS ARRAWATTA AND IMPERIAL BLOCKS. IT IS A POWERFUL AND SEDUCTIVE EXPRESSION OF SHIRAZ FROM THE GREAT WESTERN REGION WITH EXTRAORDINARY CELLARING POTENTIAL OF 50 YEARS OR MORE. THIS WINE IS CLASSIFIED 'EXCELLENT' BY LANGTON'S IN ITS CLASSIFICATION OF AUSTRALIAN WINE VII.

GRAPE VARIETY Shiraz

WINEMAKING AND MATURATION

Select parcels from the Great Western Vineyard were fermented on skins (partial whole bunch and whole berry components) in open fermenters for 7-10 days, followed by maturation for 11 months in a combination of 2800 L vat, 225 L French barriques and 480 L French puncheon - 25% new oak overall.

COLOUR

Deep garnet with crimson hues.

NOSE

Classically regional with lifted pink peppercorn and blackberry fruit. Fragrant violets, spice and blueberry are further complexed by a mineral, cordite nuance.

PALATE

A wine of incredible power, line and finesse that belies its medium body. Upfront silky blackberry and blueberry fruit marries with black pepper, river rock and spicy black olive, complementing subtle mineral gunflint notes and charry oak. Regional graphite tannins focus the wine and provide a framework on which it will comfortably age and develop in the decades to come.

VINEYARD REGION

Great Western, Grampians

VINEYARD CONDITIONS

Normal winter rainfalls were followed by above average falls across the growing season. This high rainfall combined with perfect flowering conditions set up the vineyard for elevated yields. Lower than average temperatures across the Feb-March ripening season, including a significant rain event in late Jan meant ripening was slowed, allowing extended time for flavour development in the berries.

2021 is characterised by above average yields with excellent quality and regionally definitive wines.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Harvest Date: Late March and early April 2021 pH: 3.67 Acidity: 6.2 g/L Alcohol: 14.5 % Peak Drinking: Now until 2050

