



OAKDENE

BELLARINE PENINSULA, GEELONG

TASTING NOTE

2016 OAKDENE 'WILLIAM' SHIRAZ



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Appearance

Deep red purple.

Bouquet

Highly perfumed nose of spice and black cherry and blackberry notes, lifted by white pepper and sappy whole bunch characters.

Palate

Medium to full bodied palate, with savoury dark berry fruit characters, spice and white pepper notes. Firm ripe tannins and well-integrated French oak. Balanced acidity, and a long savoury finish.

Conclusion

Highly enjoyable now, but will improve over the next 5 to 15 years.

Technical Analysis

Vineyard Location

Wallington, Bellarine Peninsula, Geelong, Victoria, Australia
Latitude -38.233674 Longitude 144.540137

Climate

Maritime climate moderated by Bass Strait to the south, the Rip at Port Phillip Heads to the east, Swan Bay and Port Phillip bay to the North, and the Barwon River to the west.

Soils

Moderate draining loam over a clay loam subsoil

Trellis style

Vertical shoot positioning (VSP)

Clones

PT23, Bests (Great Western)

Vines Planted

2001 & 2002

Yield

1.5 tonnes per acre

Case Production

331 cases

Fermentation

Shiraz was destemmed, with 15% included as whole bunches and then fermented using wild yeast in small open vats peaking at 30 degrees C with extended maceration on skins post ferment. Pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation, and matured in French oak barriques (30% new) for 16 months, and bottled in August 2017.

Winemaker Robin Brockett, Marcus Holt

Alcohol 14.3% v/v