



OAKDENE

BELLARINE PENINSULA, GEELONG

TASTING NOTE

2017 OAKDENE 'WILLIAM' SHIRAZ



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Appearance

Deep red purple.

Bouquet

Highly perfumed nose of white pepper, spice and abundant black and red fruits leading to slightly sappy whole bunch notes.

Palate

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

Conclusion

Highly enjoyable now, or cellar 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

2.5 tonnes per acre

Case Production

925 cases

Fermentation

Shiraz was destemmed, with 20% 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 2018.

Winemaker Robin Brockett, Marcus Holt

Alcohol 13.8% v/v