



OAKDENE

BELLARINE PENINSULA, GEELONG

TASTING NOTE

2021 OAKDENE 'WILLIAM' SHIRAZ



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Appearance

Rich ruby red colour.

Bouquet

Lifted blue and red fruit aromas, with savoury spice and pepper notes.

Palate

Medium bodied, with savoury dark berry fruit characters, anise and violets. Fine ripe tannins, French oak and a savoury whole-bunch undergrowth note adding freshness and drive to the 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

2.0 tonnes per acre

Case Production

643 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, then bottled in September 2022.

Winemaker Robin Brockett, Marcus Holt

Alcohol 13.1% v/v