



Port Phillip Estate 'Serenne' Shiraz 2014

Tasting Notes

Vineyard

The Port Phillip Estate vineyard is located on the Mornington Peninsula at Red Hill, on Eocene volcanic soils. Our wines are made from domain grown, handpicked grapes and aim to manifest terroir: the integration of our geology and soils with the macroclimate of our region, the mesoclimates of the various sites within our vineyard and the weather of the annual grape growing season. Our cultural operations in the vineyard and practices in the winery endeavour to articulate these unique characteristics diligently, respectfully and without artifice.

Vintage

The 2013-2014 growing season started with a warm winter followed by strong early season growth and an early spring with above average temperatures. An extended cold and wet period in October and November lead to a prolonged flowering period with reduced fruit set, resulting in below average yields.

This cold period continued throughout December, finally broken by a warm summer with several heat waves during the month of January. A warm February and the lower yields brought an earlier than usual start to harvest.

Mild March weather and the lower yields made for a short and steady harvest for both our viticultural and winery teams.

While yields were low, the quality of the fruit was very high producing wines that impress with depth, length and linear direction.

Viticulture

The Port Phillip Estate Serenne Shiraz is a single site wine produced from 0.53 hectares of estate vineyard.

Winemaking

The ferment, with a small portion of whole bunches, commenced without yeast inoculation and lasted 17 days. The malolactic conversion also, is indigenous. The maturation period is 16 months in all-used French oak. This wine is bottled without fining and with minimal filtration.

Tasted July 2016

A ruby red hue gives way to intriguing scents of fleshy red berries, dry herbs and a savoury spice mix. The medium-bodied palate flows with a gentleness that's well supported by the tight structure — a balanced acidity and graphite-laced finish result in a delicate Serenne that is a reflection of the 2014 vintage.

13.0% alc.