

PRIMO ESTATE

2016
JOSEPH
SHIRAZ
ANGEL GULLY

We hand select fruit from a single parcel of vines at the pinnacle of our steep Angel Gully Vineyard, the highest in McLaren Vale. Yielding just one tonne per acre this single block Shiraz distinctively embodies the McLaren Vale style.

TASTING NOTE

Intense bouquet of complex dark red fruits with spicy, peppery notes and a touch of fennel. Concentrated plum and licorice on the palate, very juicy and vibrant. Elegant acid balances fine tannins and rich, brooding fruit character, with good length.

VINEYARD REGIONS

Our Angel Gully Vineyard in the cool McLaren Vale sub region of Clarendon is rocky and steep with predominantly shale stone soil. The site rises sharply to 300 meters above sea level. The soil and altitude results in a small crop of evenly ripened fruit, from a single block of Shiraz enjoying a perfect aspect.

VINTAGE CONDITIONS

One of our earliest ever vintages, the dry, warm growing season meant very early flowering while heavy rain in late January provided welcome relief for our dry grown Clarendon vineyard. Yields were below average for most varieties allowing for even ripening. This early, condensed vintage produced top quality fruit.

WINEMAKING

A small portion of fruit was air dried to provide additional complexity. The fruit was crushed directly into traditional open-topped fermenters with manual pump over. Open-topped fermentation is at the heart of the JOSEPH red wine style. Joe Grilli says: 'The soul of a red wine is released where air meets the fermenting skins'.

Harvest February 2016 **Grapes** 100% Shiraz, dry-grown and hand picked **Oak** 18 months in a combination of new and aged French and American oak barriques **Alcohol** 14.5%

Winemakers Joe Grilli & Daniel Zuzolo **Peak drinking** Will reward 7-10 years of cellaring. **Food** Venison or Osso Buco



The home of
JOSEPH
wine and olive oil.

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