

Yangarra is a single-vineyard estate situated in Blewitt Springs, at the northern edge of the McLaren Vale region, South Australia. Yangarra's combination of ancient geology, high altitude and Mediterranean climate provide the ideal growing conditions for the best grape varieties of the southern Rhône.

## 2021 IRONHEART SHIRAZ

Ironheart is the flagship Shiraz from our single vineyard estate in Blewitt Springs at the northern edge of McLaren Vale. The vineyard's northern aspect, higher elevation and sandy ironstone soils produce Shiraz with immense concentration and finesse.

## VINTAGE SUMMARY

A favourable growing season, with good winter rains, a mild flowering and fruit set period and continued spring rainfall. Vines showed good balance of shoot vigour and moderate berry size. The ripening period that began late January was very cool, with some welcome rainfall in mid-February. The cold nights and mild sunny days in March slowed sugar accumulation, resulting in excellent fruit ripeness and intensity.

## WINEMAKING

Hand-picked (24th March), 25% whole bunches, and the remainder destemmed, mechanically berry sorted, and crushed. Open fermenters and on skins for approximately 21 days. A gentle maceration principle of wetting the cap and only draining and returning when reductive. Wild yeast ferment. No pressings are used in this wine. Matured in French oak for a total of 19 months. Kept on lees for 7 months in French oak puncheons (35% new) and then blended to a 2 year old Austrian and French oak foudre and further matured for 12 months. Bottled November 2022.

## ACCLAIM

- 97 POINTS** — Ray Jordan, *Winepilot*, May 2024
- 96 POINTS** — Marcus Ellis, *Halliday Wine Companion*, May 2024
- 96 POINTS** — Jamie Goode, *Wine Anorak*, September 2024
- 96 POINTS** — Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, September 2024
- 96 POINTS** — Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*, August 2024
- 95 POINTS** — Stuart Knox, *The Real Review*, January 2024



# Ironheart Shiraz

## VARIETY

100% Shiraz

## YEAR PLANTED

1999

## REGION

Blewitt Springs, McLaren Vale

## SOIL

Ironstone gravels

## GEOLOGY

North Maslin Sands  
(54 million years old)

## ELEVATION

175m - 180m above sea level

## BLOCK

1.8 hectares

## BD CALENDAR PICKING DAY

Fruit

## ALCOHOL

14.5%

## PH TA

3.59 5.9 g/L



**WINEMAKER:** Peter Fraser

**VITICULTURALIST:** Michael Lane