



2018 Woods Crampton 'Phillip Patrick' Single Vineyard Eden Valley Shiraz



Grape Variety: 100% Shiraz

Winemaker: Nicholas Crampton and Aaron Woods

Alcohol: 14.5%

Summary: “My father was born on a small farm, down a dirt road without electricity and has lived to see amazing things. Likewise what a story this wonderful old vineyard could tell. I can only imagine where the world will be when this incredible wine reaches its peak in sixty or more years time.” - Nicholas Crampton.

Vineyard: Sourced from an outstanding fifty year-old vineyard, dry grown and planted on its own rootstocks, on the road between Angaston and Moculta that delivers near perfect bunches of amazing fruit. Hand picked at less than one and a half tonnes per acre.

Winemaking: Made using Burgundian techniques and a “hands-off” philosophy. The fruit is hand-picked, given an overnight chill before a cold-soak for seven days at seven degrees. The fruit is primarily de-stemmed and allowed to reach ambient temperature before transferred to one-tonne fermenters with 30% whole bunches laid across the bottom.

A very slow, cool ferment with the cap held down and hand plunging twice daily. At two grams the ferment was pressed in a very old, very gentle pneumatic press to a settling tank to finish fermentation. The fruit was racked to high quality low toast French Oak Puncheons (500L), seventy percent new, and topped every six weeks but not racked or stirred for twenty months. The wine was not fined, given a coarse filtration and a dash of sulphur before bottling.

Vintage 2018: Barossa Winemakers were happy with at the end of vintage citing a high-quality vintage and good yields. Growing season started off well with light rainfall. October and November saw dryer conditions with above average warmer ripening days seeing vine canopies prosper. Dry and warm at the start of the year with just enough rain to retain moisture ensured good even conditions followed by an auspicious Indian Summer with just the right balance of sunshine and rain.

Tasting Note: A sense of brooding intensity but bright and expressive with aromas of ripe berries, spice and whole bunch aromatics. The palate is beautifully balanced and effortless with a core of powerful blue berried fruit / ripe plums framed so beautifully by incredibly fine but long tannins. The wine never gets huge but flows with impressive length to complex and finely detailed finish. This wine will unveil its true character over the next twenty years if carefully cellared.