

YARRA YERING

2021 UNDERHILL SHIRAZ

100% SHIRAZ

Alcohol: 13.5%

VINES

A single block of Shiraz planted in 1973 on a neighboring property, it was ideally located to be acquired by Yarra Yering in 1988. With a slight west-facing slope and clay-based soil, it's perfectly suited for cool-climate Shiraz. The clone remains unknown and is unique to this block.

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested, bunches are sorted before processing as whole bunches or berries. Half of the block ferments in a 3500L oak cask; 20% whole bunch, topped up for maturation with 100% whole bunch. The remainder ferments in half-tonne open fermenters, hand plunged twice daily. Pressed to release the last fermenting juice, then aged 12 months—50% in a three-year-old 3500L cask, 50% in French oak puncheons (10% new).

WINE

Dark fruits; brooding and mysterious. Cool-climate Shiraz, deliciously medium-bodied. Think charcuterie, graphite, and aniseed spice. Blue and black plums add fruit concentration, layered with liquorice spice, cured meat, and a smoky-char whisper. Medium-weighted, driven by fruit purity, with oak as a faint seasoning alongside subtle stalk grip.

CELLARING

One of the Yarra Yering wines to shine earlier. It often looks wonderful at 5–10 years, yet with a proven pedigree will continue evolving over 10+ years under suitable conditions.

ACCOLADES

98 Points – Halliday Wine Companion 2024
97 Points – Huon Hooke, The Real Review
Prime Minister's Trophy for Champion Wine of Show,
National Wine Show of Aust 2023
Red Wine of Show, National Wine Show of Australia 2023
Shiraz Trophy, National Wine Show of Australia 2023

