

Kangaroo Island little island red

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KANGAROO ISLAND 2021 SHIRAZ

The label is inspired by the front cover of a short history of Kangaroo Island that was published in 1951 by the Kingscote branch of the CWA (Country Women's Association). Kangaroo Island is actually quite big. It's Australia's 3rd biggest island after Tasmania and Melville Island, and is up to 155km long and 55km wide. Look at it on a map next to the mainland however, and you can hardly see it.

Vineyards

Purchased in 2016, the vineyards are now owned and operated by Joch Bosworth and Louise Hemsley-Smith from McLaren Vale's Battle of Bosworth wines. Vines were planted by the previous owners between 1994 and 2000. Vineyards are on predominantly sandy loam soils over limestone and marl (clay) with some patches of Bay of Biscay soils (black cracking clays), interspersed with some ironstone. Soils are shallow and relatively infertile. We have a low annual average rainfall, between 400-500mm annually.

Vintage 2021

Vintage 2021 was a dream, a little bit like Baby Bears porridge; just right. We had good rains (above average) in the preceding winter, not too much heat during spring and summer, very few heat spikes during harvest and dry throughout the ripening period. Can we have another one just like 2021 for 2022 please?

Winemaking

Grapes are harvested and brought back to our Willunga winery before being crushed and fermented in open vessels. A small percentage of the Shiraz underwent a whole bunch ferment (i.e. not crushed prior to being fermented). This process highlights the red berry fruit characters of the Shiraz.

We use older French oak barrels to store the wine in, so the oak characters of the wine are minimal; which allows the fresh primary fruit characters to shine.

Tasting Notes

Red fruits (raspberry, cherry, black cherry) and dark fruits, along with black pepper and an overall pretty floral character. Bright, fresh, middle-weight, fine and with a great length.

Technical Details

Picking date: 23rd and 28th March 2021
Vineyard Block: Kate's Block (whole bunch component) and A Block
Alcohol: 14.5%
Bottled: 23rd November 2021

