

SPRINGS ROAD

Kangaroo Island



KANGAROO ISLAND 2022 TERRE NAPOLEON SHIRAZ

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Springs Road Wines

Springs Road runs east/west across the Northern part of Kangaroo Island, South Australia. Spring Road vineyard was established in 1994 on a small sheep property off Springs Road about 7km west of Kingscote. Springs Road Wines are owned and operated by Joch Bosworth and Louise Hemsley-Smith from McLaren Vale's Battle of Bosworth wines.

The Label

The Springs Road wine label is adapted from French cartographer Louis Freycinet's 1808 map of Southern Australia, 'Carte Generale de la Terre Napoléon.' Freycinet accompanied Nicholas Baudin on his voyage of discovery through the Southern Ocean between 1801 and 1803 and charted the coastline all the way from Wilson's Promontory in the East (Victoria) to the Nullabor National Park in the West, centering on the 'Iles Decres', or Kangaroo Island. 'Terre Napoléon' is the first detailed map of southern Australia.

Vineyards

The first vines were planted at Springs Road in 1994 to Shiraz and Chardonnay (Kate's Block), followed by A block in 2000 (Shiraz, Chardonnay and Cabernet). The final blocks were planted in 2000, New Block to Cabernet Sauvignon and the Dam block to Shiraz. 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 2022

We had a wet winter on KI, which recharged soils with moisture in time for the growing season. November was quite windy, which can impact fruit set, but it turns out that this vintage we had a very even crop. Summer was mild without any big heat spikes which are perfect conditions for a long, slow ripening period. As a consequence, grapes from vintage 2022 have terrific fruit intensity and lovely acidity.

Winemaking:

Terre Napoléon comprises Joch's favourite barrels of Shiraz from our Springs Road vineyards. This wine is from our Dam Block Shiraz, which is harvested and brought back to our Willunga Battle of Bosworth winery, where it is crushed and fermented in small open 2 tonne vessels. We pump the fermenting juice over the skins (more flavour and texture) and allow the wine to finish fermenting in barrel. The Terre Napoléon spends about 16 months in a brand new French barrique, as well as a couple of two-year old barrels.

Tasting Note:

Classic medium-bodied, cooler climate Shiraz characters - pepper, clove and spice with masses of black fruits - blackberry, bramble and blackcurrant. Beautiful length, classy tannins and delicious finish. A super wine.

Technical Details:

Picking date: 20th March 2022
Alcohol: 14.5%
Bottled: 6 July 2023
Cases: 220 x 6 packs

