



The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines have been in the making for decades. Made by Michael Kerrigan and Gavin Berry these wines represent the pinnacle of two careers spent crafting wine from some of the most respected vineyards of Western Australia.

The KERRIGAN + BERRY wines are made from the highest quality grapes selected from the finest vineyards;

KERRIGAN + BERRY SHIRAZ 2017

The KERRIGAN + BERRY Shiraz is made from grapes grown on I and J blocks of the Acacia Ridge vineyard in Frankland River, the sub-region of the Great Southern that produces the most complex flavoured and richly textured Shiraz. Typical inland continental climatic conditions of warm days and cold nights are ideal for the growing of dense, full flavoured Shiraz.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage was influenced by a cool wet spring, and a mild summer with above average rainfall and fortunately a dry finish to autumn. This gave extended ripening periods and produced wines of outstanding flavour and fantastic tannin structure in red wines.

The vines entered the season with full soil profiles. The vines being in such a healthy state grew fantastic canopies and set large crops, particularly shiraz. Early fruit thinning and canopy manipulation was undertaken to ensure the highest quality of grape was produced. A fine warm spell through January and early February saw the vines accelerate towards ripeness.

It was a bit of a waiting game as harvest started 10 -14 days later than the previous few vintages and as much as we wanted to start picking the correct decisions were made to wait as the vines needed time to drop acid out of the fruit and develop full flavour ripeness.

WINEMAKING

Grapes harvested at full ripeness in the cool of the night were crushed into open topped fermentation vessels, colour and tannin extraction was facilitated with both plunging and pumping over of the fermenting liquid. At dryness the wine was pressed off skins with retention of the pressings in the blend. This dark wine was then matured in 100% French oak barriques for 15 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 KERRIGAN + BERRY Shiraz is dense and dark, almost black in colour indicating great fruit ripeness and intensity. The nose is brooding, with dark cherry and chocolate aromas, the palate is immense with ripe and fleshy fruit flavours and firm structural tannin. In its youth this wine will benefit enormously from decanting to allow the full expression of aroma and flavour. This wine will develop and become softer and fleshier – have patience!

TECHNICAL

Alcohol 14.5%

Growing Region: Frankland River, Great Southern, Western Australia.

Variety: Shiraz 100%

