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wines are magical expressions
of unique sites that reveal the
diversity of varietal and origin.*



TWO HANDS
'YACCA BLOCK'
SHIRAZ
SINGLE VINEYARD
MENGLERS HILL
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2021 YACCA BLOCK
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SINGLE VINEYARD SHIRAZ

Perched high up on the hillside of the Eden Valley, this beautifully positioned vineyard is surrounded by ancient Yaccas.

The soil here is a mix of both quartz and ironstone and the vineyard's high altitude allows for slow ripening that leads to a very soft and elegant Shiraz.

SUB-REGION: Menglers Hill

VINE AGE: 16 years

ALTITUDE: 483m

AVERAGE RAINFALL: 580mm

SOIL TYPE: Shallow, skeletal grey sand loam with quartz gravel over weathered rock and yellow clay.



Yacca Block sits at the top of Menglers Hill and is a prime example of the role sub-regionality plays in serious winemaking with this vineyard only a 25 minute drive from the Western Ranges of Barossa Valley.

TASTING NOTES:

Written by Two Hands Proprietor Michael Twelftree upon release in 2023

COLOUR: Deep concentrated black

AROMA: A very tight bouquet of cedar, dark berry liqueur, polished timber, smoke, glazed plums, cassis, baking spice backed by violets and cigar box.

PALATE: The palate explodes from the get go, this coils up and bursts forth with flavours that smash every corner of your mouth. After time in the decanter, this wine begins to settle down, slowly showing more nuance, grace and manners. Deep blackcurrant and rich powerful fruits expand to show you the structure behind the wine, a lovely layering emerges and the tannins give you an amazing length to a very balanced finish. This is a very interesting ride, one not for the faint hearted. As seen in all of our 2021 wines, there is an inner core and magical softness that makes this vintage just so god damn magical.

This is a big/little wine, a wine with a huge personality but with the ability not to be mono dimensional and boring. In the end, the stony and minerally edge to the tannin profile wins the day. A great hallmark of Eden Valley, it's rare to find a Shiraz based wine the world over that has this depth and unforgivingness. Such strong, seamless and broad late palate tannins. Maybe fruit from Les Bessards cru on the hill of Hermitage in France could be seen in a similar vein, and it's with these amazing tannins that I have the confidence that this bottling with age and time to cellar will sit strong alongside the great 2012, 2016 and 2018 vintages of our Yacca Block. Let sleep for a few years, then enjoy.

WINEMAKING

Crushed & de-stemmed, fermented in 5 tonne stainless. Time on skins 10 days, pumped over 2-3 times a day. Free run and pressings were combined into tank then racked off gross lees into oak where malolactic fermentation occurred. Bottled with minimal fining and without filtration.

MATURATION: 18 months in 1-6 year with 20% new French oak, puncheons. Bottled in November the following vintage.