



E.B's The Peacemaker Clare Valley Shiraz 2013

Region - Clare Valley, South Australia

Vineyard - The Peacemaker Shiraz comes from one of Clare's most famous vineyards, "Tullymore Vineyard". Sourced from the best 20 rows in the north western corner of the single block within the Tullymore vineyard the fruit was painstakingly tasted daily to ensure the maximum flavour ripeness was achieved. Grown on granite and loam over red fertile soils finishing with a deep red clay in the lower 2 meters of the profile allows this vineyard to exist with very little irrigation. The resultant block produces small berries and few bunches on short exposed canes. This vineyard has produced medal winning wines ever since the first crop. East facing slopes with an elevation of 450 meters makes this one of the best sites in Clare to grow Shiraz.

Growing Conditions - Excellent ripening conditions prevailed in the Clare Valley this vintage, with warm days and cool nights allowing steady flavour development and acid retention. Adequate winter rains followed by a warm August and September set the vintage up for near perfect conditions. A January heatwave nearly undid all the great lead up work until 90 mm of rain fell slowing ripening down, resulting in very favorable growing conditions that has led to some fantastic wines. The Shiraz was harvested three weeks earlier than history average, with yields slightly above average.

Winemaking - The Peacemaker parcel of the Tullymore vineyard received a 5 day cold soak in open top fermenters in order to softly extract the dark and brooding characters of the berries. The must was inoculated with a selected strain of yeast designed to achieve the maximum flavour intensity out of the grapes. Fermentation occurred at low temperatures over a 7 day period in order to retain aromatic intensity. The ferment was regularly pumped-over manually to maximise colour, flavour and tannin extraction from the skins. The wine was pressed off to a selection of 35% new French oak and 65% second use French and American oak hogsheads. The wine spent 20 months in oak and after went through a rigorous barrel selection prior to blending.

Winemakers Tasting Notes - The 2013 Peacemaker is a wine of immense deep purple colour that lines and coats the glass. Youthful hues will continue to be present for years to come. The nose is bright and lifted and full of seductive aromas of rich dark chocolate, leather and cinnamon. There are undertones of mocha oak and black brooding fruits, dried crushed flowers, violets and blackberries. The palate is rich and textural, full of concentrated black fruit notes with hints of mulberry, ripe plum and cassis, liquorice and earthy, exotic spices. The ethereal fruit carries beautifully over from the aroma and surrounds the palate, ever dancing and ever changing as the wine opens up. The long and savoury tannins are well balanced and supported by a bright integrated acidity. This is a wine that will continue to reward with careful cellaring for up to 15 years in bottle or can be enjoyed now.

Analysis - pH 3.40 | Alc. 14.9% | TA 7.5g/l

