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MOUNT MAJURA VINEYARD

2009 SHIRAZ



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Mount Majura Vineyard's hand-crafted wines benefit from the unique combination of red volcanic limestone-containing soils, an easterly aspect and a cool climate. These features are consistently expressed in intense, elegant and complex wines. Grapes are sourced only from the Mount Majura Vineyard, in the Canberra District.

SHIRAZ

Shiraz has become the leading variety of the Canberra District, and our confidence in its future at Mount Majura Vineyard had grown so much that we expanded our plantings by grafting back in 2004. These vines first contributed to the blend with the 2007 vintage, and include clones Best's Old Block (fragrant, quite mineral) and 1127 (richer, more chocolatey tannins) along with the original planting (PT23, blackberry and pepper).

2009 VINTAGE

The 2009 vintage was another very warm one, with a heatwave in late January and early February when the vines were going through veraison (the start of ripening). Fortunately, we only had two days that reached 40°C, and no bushfires. Heavy crop thinning was needed in some varieties. Vines performed well with sufficient water during the hot spell, and produced very good fruit, with reds showing great density, and whites picked earlier with good flavour.

WINEMAKER

Frank van de Loo came to winemaking with a background in the plant sciences and has completed fifteen vintages including eleven for Mount Majura vineyard and two in Burgundy. A strong believer that "wine is made in the vineyard" he enjoys working to create ideally balanced fruit in the vineyard, making the task in the winery straightforward.

WINEMAKING

Hand picked 15 April 2009 and fermented in open vats with hand plunging. Twenty percent whole bunches were retained for complexity. One quarter of the French oak barrels were new for the first year in barrel. Bottled September 2010 under screwcap, 480 dozen made.

TASTING NOTES

Packed with sweet spiced fruit on the nose, while the palate is full of red and black fruit flavour. This is one of our most concentrated and intense vintages of Shiraz, with savoury complexity and great drive and length from fine tannin.

AVAILABILITY

Released February 2011.
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CELLARING GUIDE

Drink now to 2020.

*(tank sample) The intense red fruits aromas and flavours are enhanced by a dash of oak. A rich, firm style that needs time to soften. **Highly Recommended.** Winewise October 2010.*