



[WILDFLOWER]

2016 SHIRAZ CABERNET SAUVIGNON

In Spring, just before bud burst, tiny wildflowers appear on the vineyard floor. They herald the return of the summer and reward those who look closely to find beauty.

Winemaker: Jo Nash



JO'S VINTAGE INFORMATION

Region	South Eastern Australia
Varietal	60% Shiraz, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon
Alcohol	14.0%
Best Consumed	2017 - 2021

JO'S WINEMAKING / VITICULTURE

Both the Shiraz and Cabernet fruit were harvested during the cool of night to ensure sound condition upon delivery to the winery. Shiraz and Cabernet are traditionally paired in Australia due to the complementary nature of the grapes. Shiraz provides spice, flavour and palate weight, while the Cabernet component adds colour, structure and finesse to the wine. Each parcel also spent several months on oak which added some smoky, spicy characters to the resultant blend.

JO'S HARVEST NOTES

The best way to describe vintage 2016 is fast & furious! There was no orderly ripening of fruit, no luxury of white fruit followed by red fruit, it was like the flood gates opened and everything just rolled in at once. Again we had little rain and a very hot spring leading up to harvest, which meant things ripened faster than normal. Optimum flavours and ripeness came on more quickly than previous years and the only way around it was to pick as fast as we could. Thankfully we managed to juggle our way through it, and now quality looks very good.

JO'S WINE DESCRIPTION

A beautifully deep and flavoursome blend with notes of wild berries, dark cherries and a hint of spicy pepper. A tight palate structure reveals more of the same, but with the addition of some lovely, cedary oak and some fine, dusty tannins, resulting in a medium weight, well-balanced wine.

JO'S FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS

An 'all rounder' when it comes to food matches – particularly tomato based pasta dishes and lighter style red meat dishes such as lamb roast.