

PIKES

CLARE VALLEY

Established 1984

2022 'EASTSIDE' SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER'S NOTE

Good winter rain allowed soil profiles to be full, giving the vines a great start to the growing season. A remarkably cool summer followed, providing perfect conditions for healthy balanced vines. The long ripening period produced fruit with a perfect balance of good colour, high natural acidity, and concentrated flavours.

This wine is an excellent showcase for the unique expression of Shiraz grown on our Estate. A combination of inoculated and spontaneous fermentation on skins for an average of 14 days in open vats. Gentle cap management to retain elegant tannin and aromatic qualities.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Fruit Source: Estate Grown, Single Vineyard

Variety: Shiraz

Vintage: 2022

Region: Polish Hill River, Clare Valley

Fermentation: Average of 14 days, spontaneous and inoculated ferments in open top vessels.

Maturation: 12 months in new and seasoned oak

Alc/Vol 14.5%

pH 3.42

TA 6.4 g/L

ABOUT PIKES

Pikes Wines is grounded by family. From brothers to sons, since 1984 when the Pike family first stepped foot on Polish Hill River soil and decided to make wine together.

Our site is unique, with tough acidic soils overlaying ancient dark grey siltstone of the Kadlunga Slate formation, which has lay beneath Polish Hill River for 650 million years.

Our wine style is elegant and refined, yet approachable. A style that has been forged over many years by geology and geography, viticultural learnings, and a hands-off winemaking approach.

Pikes Tasting Room

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Tasting Room: open daily, from 10am - 4pm

Slate Restaurant: Lunch from 12pm Thu - Sun, Dinner from 6pm Fri & Sat

TASTING NOTES

Appearance: Dark cherry red.

Aroma: Lifted, fresh red and blue fruits excite the nose with some lovely liquorice and dark baking spices adding complexity.

Palate: The lift of that generous fruit carries into the glass with brambly mulberry and blueberries present amongst light pepper-y and allspice notes. The tidying acid backbone of our Slate soil profiles combine with that bright fruit giving the wine further elegance and helps it glide across the palate before finishing long, savoury and delicious.

Summary: Shiraz in the Clare Valley is produced in a broad spectrum of styles, but the best of them are balanced and approachable whilst providing a generous mouthfeel. The 'Eastside' name speaks to both the blocks within our Estate best suited to the variety, but also our Winery's position within the Valley itself, on the Eastern side of our world-class region. Whilst delicious upon release this will reward cellaring for next 7-15 years. A Perfect accompaniment with Steak Frites finished with heavy grind of fresh black pepper.

